

Town of Grand Chute
Park Commission
Monday, November 9, 2015
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Joan Haag, John Jones, Kathryn Pennings, Karen Petersen, Mike Schmidt,
Supervisor Thyssen, Donna Van Buecken

Members Absent: Joy Hagen

Others Present: Tom Marquardt, Mike Patza, Lisa Mroczkowski

Chairperson Petersen called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Commissioner Van Buecken asked that the minutes from the last meeting are amended regarding the \$500,000 budgeted for the new regional park. It should read \$100,000 for planning. Lisa will change administratively.

Motion by Commissioner Haag, seconded by Commissioner Van Buecken to approve minutes from the October 12, 2015 meetings.

Vote on Motion (6/0)

APPEARANCES

-NONE-

ACTION ITEMS

1. Naming of new park on Maple Edge Ct.

Mike Patza, Town Planner introduced himself. He stated there have been a couple of suggestions for the name of the park. Whispering Grove Park and Maple Edge Park.

Commissioner Haag stated she liked Whispering Grove, but then asked if the neighborhood had been asked for their input to naming the park.

Commissioner Jones stated he will talk to the all the property owners to get their feedback.

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

2. Discuss the type of permanent display board for Lecker Park

Lisa stated examples of possible display boards were included with the agenda. Staff is asking the Park Commission for feedback on which display they feel would be appropriate.

Commissioner Schmidt motioned, seconded by Commissioner Haag to direct staff to purchase the appropriate display board.

Vote on Motion (6/0)

OLD BUSINESS

1. Review the Parks and Recreation Municipal Code

Hold changes made to next meeting.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

i. Park Maintenance Report

- There has been no vandalism at any of the parks.
- The persons stealing the toilet paper were caught.

ii. Director's Memo

- Attended the APWA Conference on Thursday and a Bike summit on Friday.
- Fat Tire race will not take place. Not enough volunteers.
- The berm at Prairie Hill Park is almost complete. We will seed and mulch after grading is done.
- The CB trail is completed. The gates are being made by one of our employees and will be installed when completed.
- Lions Club is not interested in help fund the new tennis courts at Lions Park.
- The plowing of the Fox River Mall trail was approved by the town board.
- A surveillance camera was bought for Lecker Park.
- Grading began on the playground area at the Maple Edge Ct park. The playground equipment is scheduled to be installed the 19th weather permitting.

iii. Greenways Report

- Nothing to report

iv. Town Board Liaison Report

- Sidewalk on Whitehawk Dr and Kohl Dr are completed. Town is mulching. The next part of this trail will remain in gravel until next year.

v. President's Report

Nothing to report

vi. Correspondence Report

Nothing to report

vii. Bike and Pedestrian Trail Update

Mike discussed a possible trail connection on the south side of the mall by JC Penny's and the east side of the mall by Target. The plan is to connect the trail that comes from the hotels to the outer ring road on the south side of the mall to JC Penny's and the same on the east side to connect to Target. He stated he talked with John Berglund from the mall and John stated he has no funding for a project like this but would support it if the town were willing to fund it.

Park Commissioner suggested seeking funding through Greenways or the Heads in Beds program.

Supervisor Thyssen encourages the Park Commission to take a look at the new trails and sidewalks that have been completed. He stated the town has done a great job on connecting the town with surrounding communities with the trail system.

Motion by Commissioner Schmidt to direct staff to utilize, at their discretion, remaining available 2015 budget funds to implement trail connection system planning, seconded by Commissioner Haag.

Vote on Motion (6/0)

viii. Lecker Park Trails

- New markers installed on ski trail.
- Need to touch base with the contact at Fox Valley Technical College.
- Need to touch base with groomer.

Commissioner Haag motioned to adjourn meeting, seconded by Commissioner Van Buecken. Meeting was adjourned at 5:48 PM.

Vote on Motion. (6/0)