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APPROVED

Park and Vacant Land Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday April 5, 2021

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: 2800 Ward Ave, La Crosse, WI 54601

Town Officials Present: Supervisor Marlene Heal, Tim Ehler, Monica Redmond, Jean Wiggert, Sara Jarr, and Clerk Fortune Weaver. Public Works Terry Wright, Renee Knutson.

Town Officials Excused: N/A

Attendance List: Sarah Soloman, Tom Kabat and son Vincent Kabat.

1. Meeting called to order by Ehler at 5:33 p.m.
2. Citizens' Concerns. Knutson shared that garbage cans in the parks would be appreciated.
3. New Business.
 - a. Park's Committee Vacancies. Ehler stated that we are looking for more people. Potentially investigate having more than 7. Sarah Soloman lives in the lower terrace; she serves on the fire department and would like to see a dog park. Discussion on dog park potential locations (up in Arbor Hills or on 33 where they put snow). Knutson mentioned we need at least 1 acre. Need to make sure it is in a place where we can keep it as sanitary as possible, moisture levels need to be considered prior to establishing location.
 - b. Boy Scout Project- Millstream. Sophomore in High School, troop 22. Has met with Terry Wright, he wants to fix up the Bloomer Mill Park. The area right below the enclosed shelter. Playground equipment was washed out, and we need to get new equipment setup and FEMA has purchased \$17,000.00 in new equipment that we have here. Wants to have it done by next Winter. The troop will assist. Shelby will dig the holes. Knutson clarified that the scout will layout the blueprint of where equipment will be placed and then the equipment will be installed by the troop. Basic layout photo attached. Special mulch (must be certified to be used in a park) to put in under the equipment. 2,000.00 for the mulch. Kabat will need to write up an outline to bring to the town board. Will meet with Harvey (retired Shelby employee) to discuss how long he thinks it will take.
 - c. Temporary Trail Closures- Signage. Signs need to be made up; Town has barricades that can be used. Wright will come up with signage design and will get a quote as well. Discussion on what trails we would need to be mindful of and where we want to close the trailheads. Motion by Ehler, second by Redmond to have Terry Wright get signage taken care of for temporary closures.
 - d. Discussion on Park Project Prioritization. Discussion on Memorial Bench Policy- use La Crosse's model to create ours. Motion by Redmond, second by Wiggert to move forward with creating that policy, to be reviewed and approved at the next meeting. See attachments for further discussion.
4. Reports
 - a. Administrator

- i. No parking on Ebner Coulee. Wright mentioned that increased traffic is breaking the shoulder of the road down. Residents want us to put no parking signs along the road, Ehler told him to put the signs up and see what happens.
 - ii. Mormon Coulee Park- Holiday Lights Event proposed by Lion's Club. Wright stated that the Lion's club essentially wants to do Rotary Lights in Mormon Coulee Park but on a smaller scale. Ehler stated that they should contact the Rotary Club to get tips and assistant. Should neighbors be included in this decision? What about traffic flow? Idea is in the early stages of brainstorming. Ehler would like them to come to a meeting when they have more of a solid idea of what it will look like.
 - b. Board
 - i. Butterfly trail noted online. We need to get our trails listed online.
- 5. Adjournment. Motion by Wiggert, second by Redmond to adjourn at 7:54 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting will take place May 3, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Fortune M. Weaver, Clerk