

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday February 23, 2015

5:00 PM

Hall of Fame Room



Present: Alderpersons: Tricia Suess, Michael Engelberger, Pat O'Conner, and Parks and Recreation Director Tom Lynch

Guests: John Halverson

1. Call to Order

By Engelberger at 5:00 PM

2. Approval of November 19, 2014 Minutes

Motion by Suess, seconded by Swangstu, to accept the minutes from November 19, 2014 with changes. Motion passed 4-0.

3. Communications

Lynch shared that Tricia Suess has completed the bookings for the 2015 Gazebo Musikk schedule. There are thirteen events running from after Memorial Day until Labor Day.

Old Business

4. Projects Update

Lynch provided Kris Krentz from Skaalen Home, a list of names of people living next to trails. The Vennevol residents want to talk with those people to get a better feel for what a trail would be like, near their homes.

Stoughton Hospital is moving forward with their trail to the river. A positive outcome with Skaalen will result in a trail from Amundson to Ridge St. near the Hospital.

The grant for the riverbank restoration at Division St. Park has been submitted. Lynch feels that our grant doesn't fit perfectly based on the questions, but that there is a good chance we can still complete the project without the grant.

New Business

5. Large Park Conversation

As a continuation from last month, Lynch presented maps that better identified the advantages of adding parkland adjacent to Racetrack Park. Both the parcels to the west and north would solve our immediate needs in the most efficient way.

He also discussed an option on property owned by AJ Arnett on highway N adjacent to the recently acquired land from the Natural Heritage Land Trust. This is an opportunity that needs more exploration before it can be seriously considered.

There was also talk about another Arnett parcel between Williams Drive and Page St. near highway B. There will be a land donation from this development that can either be accepted, taken in cash or traded for another parcel somewhere else.

6. Future Agenda Items

Large Park
Skaalen Trail

8. Adjournment

Motion made by O'Conner and seconded by Swangstu to adjourn at 5:50. Motion passed 4-0.