

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING May 13, 2021

Meeting was called to order by Pat Johnston at 10:01 AM

Quorum was established. Present: Pat Johnston, Linda Clark, Marcia Wellnitz, Terry Kolberg, Kay Erdahl, Marc Lybeck. Gary Scharlau, Park Maintenance, was also present.

Public notice of meeting was posted on 5/6/2021.

A motion was made by Linda Clark to approve the agenda and dispense with reading of the minutes from 4/8/21. Seconded by Terry Kolberg. Passed.

Welcome Kay Erdahl as the 6th member of the committee. With an even number on the committee, Pat Johnson, chairperson, has decided that she will not vote unless there is a tie.

Discussed some possible names for the building at TLP. Members can give it more consideration and discuss at next month meeting.

Tennis courts are in need of resurfacing. The town has a sinking fund for this purpose. A subcommittee was formed to research this project. Committee: Marc Lybeck, Terry Kolberg, Pat Johnston, Tom Renz.

Marc Lybeck will be mowing the trails at TLP this summer. He has asked Gary to bring a wider cutter from the town road department twice during the season to cut weeds and grass to expand the area beyond the 48" mower cut. Helps with fewer ticks & mosquitos. Probably about Mid-June and Mid-August, depending on amount of rain for growth.

The swimming dock at TLP is in disrepair and will need to be replaced. Marc Lybeck made a motion to abandon the old swimming dock permanently and remove from the park and ask the community for help with buying a new one. Seconded by Terry. Passed. Eau Claire Conservation Club and Friends of Eau Claire Lakes will be contacted about possible contribution.

New grooming equipment has been ordered for ski trails by the Friends of Tomahawk Lake. Gary will look at how much space is needed to store them. Storage building needs to be built at TLP in the future and plans could be started ahead of time.

The sledding hill was discussed. The trail from the road should be groomed if the snow is very deep so one can walk to the hill. The sledding hill should be widened and maintained. Gary will look into what this will entail.

The ice rink leaks, but Gary is working on fixing it. A heater on a timer will be purchased this year for the warming building to provide cost effective heat. Hooks for the skates were installed. Discussed whether we need skates and if they are kept, then should be sharpened. Kay Erdahl volunteered to make calls about sharpening costs.

Discussed whether dog waste bag dispenser should be purchased for Tomahawk Lake Park, as we were told people were not picking up after their dogs on the beach. We will monitor to determine whether this is an ongoing problem.

The sign by the town hall no longer has someone to update it. Terry made a motion that it is not Park related and our suggestion is to have a digital sign. Mark seconded. Passed.

Items for next month's meeting on June 10th, included sledding hill, skates, design ideas for storage building.

Marc Lybeck made a motion to adjourn at 11:29 Seconded by Marcia. Passed.

Annual walk thru the parks with board member and Gary Scharlau, Parks and Maintenance.

Minutes submitted by: Terry Kolberg