

PARK COMMITTEE
TOWN OF HOLLAND
July 21, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT	Chair Ben Filter, Naomi Bjergum and Karen Durnin
EXCUSED	Doug Klenke and Brian Meeter
OTHERS PRESENT	Abbey Nicewander (MRRPC), Tiffany Lein and Marilyn Pedretti, Town Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Filter called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Notices were properly posted.

MINUTES

Motion by Durnin/Bjergum to approve minutes of the meeting on the 24th. **MOTION** carried.

CITIZENS CONCERNS

Tiffany Lein, N6855 Sand Prairie Court, asked if there were any longer term plans for a paved trail from Wildflower to the high school. She noted the increase in summer pedestrian and bike traffic. Filter noted that is part of the discussion this evening.

2021 PROJECTS

Filter reported on the first step in receiving quotes for lime, tailings and black dirt for the Holland Estates ballfield installation project. He noted that Mike Flury anticipates starting some of the grading and such next week.

FUTURE PROJECTS

Outdoor Recreation Plan: Filter introduced Abbey Nicewander from the Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission (MRRPC) who will be assisting with creating an Outdoor Recreation Plan. Nicewander explained the current Long Range Park Plan was helpful but needs some updating and tasked the members with developing 5, 10 and 20 year goals. Discussion followed concerning mapping, overlapping jurisdictions and right-of-ways.

Filter introduced the La Crosse Area Planning Committee (LAPC) grant opportunity for the creation of a Bike/Pedestrian Plan with an 80/20 match. Discussion followed concerning the parameters of the grant, cost estimates and budget cycles. Motion by Bjergum/Durnin to recommend 20% funding for the Town of Holland Bike/Pedestrian Plan to work with the La Crosse Area Planning Committee and to include who does the study and input with the County on the study. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Ad-hoc Trail Development Committee: Filter reviewed the minutes from the June 30th Ad-hoc Trail Development Committee meeting.

August Prairie east drainage area: Item held over

Tobacco free parks: Filter reported the Town Board referred this back to the committee asking for a recommendation and explained their concerns with enforcement and over-regulation. Discussion followed. It was the consensus to hold over for further discussion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Filter reported the Town Board adopted the Outdoor Recreation Plan, the outdoor restroom faucets were replaced and the zipline has been fixed.

FUTURE AGENDA AND NEXT MEETING

August Prairie East wildflower space, ad-hoc trail development report, Holland Estates ballfield update, long range plan 5-20 year goals, budget.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 23rd at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bjergum/Durnin to adjourn. **MOTION** carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Pedretti
Town Clerk