

**ALLOUEZ PARKS, RECREATION, & FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2015
6:30 P.M., ALLOUEZ VILLAGE HALL, 1900 LIBAL STREET, GREEN BAY**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM by Sharon Scheidenhelm

Present: Ellen Schumacher, Rob Gille, Steve Bostedt, Sharon Scheidenhelm, Bob
Ferguson, Lee Bouche, Dave Doran
Also Present: Chris Clark, Jenny Hammes,

MODIFY / ADOPT AGENDA

L. Bouche moved to adopt the agenda as presented. S. Bostedt seconded the motion. All ayes.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 27, 2015 MINUTES

R. Gille moved to approve the January 27, 2015 minutes. S. Scheidenhelm seconded the motion. All ayes.

REPORTS

C. Clark gave verbal reports on the following Parks projects:

- a. The Webster to Fox River Trail connection, or Allouez Trail Connection as it is designated, has been bid and the Village is currently in the process of signing contracts. Six bids were received and the low bidder on the project was Ed Gersek, Inc. from Green Bay with a bid of \$196,729.72, which was approximately \$58,620 less than the lowest bid from last fall. The construction deadline is the end of September.

Following Clark's report, resident Jim O'Rourke, 2339 Oakwood Avenue, presented his idea of Taft-Riverside Pedestrian Byway/Petition. He spoke with the committee, for informational purposes, about a proposed construction of a walkway/path of crushed gravel or woodchips along the west side of Riverside Drive that would connect the Allouez Trail Connection to Stambaugh Road. He is currently working with the Village Administrator on this proposal. He also spoke about the installation of an ADA accessible kayak launch in Bellevue this year with the possibility of a future launch at Optimist Kayakers Point.

- b. The Parks Department will be applying for a grant through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to complete the remainder of the Resch Family East River Trail that had to be removed from the reconstruction project in 2014. This portion of the trail is within Green Isle Park and is anticipated to be completed in 2016.
- c. The Green Isle Park Softball Diamond Lighting project is currently let out to bid with bid openings on April 8th. This project is to replace the existing diamond lighting that is old and inadequate. The project completion is expected to be the end of June if the bids come in within budget.

REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE ALLOUEZ ARBORICULTURAL SPECIFICATIONS MANUAL-DRAFT I

C. Clark presented the first draft of the Allouez Arboricultural Specifications Manual to the committee. He explained the purpose of this document as a tool to better manage the Village's urban forest by the utilization of proper treatment of trees and best management practices.

Clark summarized the manual page by page explaining the various topics, treatments, and practices that are outlined within. Committee members asked a few questions such as:

- What constitutes the right of way? (L. Bouche) Clark explained that the right of way is the area along streets that is public property and varies in width from street to street.
- Why are the dates different for oak pruning ban? (R. Gille) Clark explained that the listed dates of April 1-July 31 are Wisconsin DNR standards.

Clark will present a final draft of the manual at the next committee meeting. If accepted, the manual will be brought to the Village Board to give them a more in depth understanding of the urban forestry program.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Look into a tree planting program with the schools to encourage the planting of fruit trees (J. O'Rourke)
- Instruction on tree grafting (J. O'Rourke)
- Deer and turkey hunting (L. Bouche)

ADJOURNMENT

L Bouche moved to adjourn at 7:35 PM. R. Gille seconded the motion. All ayes.

Minutes taken by Chris Clark.