

April 26, 2016 (Allouez Parks, Recreation & Forestry Committee Meeting)

**ALLOUEZ PARKS, RECREATION, & FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2016
6:30 P.M., ALLOUEZ VILLAGE HALL, 1900 LIBAL STREET, GREEN BAY**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM by Lee Bouche.

Present: Lee Bouche, Bob Ferguson, Rob Atwood, Martha Bonnie, Dave Doran, Kelsey Prescott

Excused: Angela Kowalzek-Adrians

Also Present: Chris Clark

MODIFY / ADOPT AGENDA

R. Atwood moved to adopt agenda as presented. K. Prescott seconded the motion. All ayes.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 22, 2016 MINUTES

R. Atwood moved to approve the March 22, 2016 minutes. B. Ferguson seconded the motion. All ayes.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Kit Bley, 1315 S. Baird Street

- Presented concerns of smoking in village parks and second hand smoke, especially in close proximity to children and playgrounds. She requested that the village enact an ordinance similar to the Village of Bellevue that prohibits the use of tobacco products and e-cigarettes in public parks.

INFORMATION/REPORTS

- a. C. Clark informed the Committee that a group of UWGB students was holding a Parks for All fund raiser at Optimist Park on Saturday, April 30th. They are raising funds to install rubber playground surfacing under a portion of the playground equipment at Optimist Park.
- b. C. Clark informed the Committee that 2016 is the 20th year that the Village of Allouez has been recognized as a Tree City USA community.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: DIER STRAITS DISC GOLF COURSE EXPANSION

Preston Dier and Dale Huens presented a plan to the Committee to raise funds and expand the Dier Straits Disc Golf Course at Wiese Park from the current nine holes to eighteen holes. They are requesting permission to begin fund raising efforts to purchase equipment and install an additional nine baskets, tees, and signs at the Disc Golf Course. In addition, they plan to raise funds to purchase trees to plant around the course and the park.

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The Committee discussed various items including the impact to the tall prairie grass area at Wiese Park, potential concerns of other park users, amount of use the course receives, and potential parking issues at the park.

The Committee asked that Dier and Huens tweak the layout of some of the disc holes in the tall grass area as to minimize the impact on the central part of that prairie area and bring a new design back to the next committee meeting.

ACTION – Tabled due to no motion.

DISCUSSION: DOG PARK / PETS IN PARKS

The Committee continued discussion on the status of the potential development of the dog park in the Village of Bellevue. C. Clark informed the Committee that the dog park committee was to attend the May 11th Bellevue Village Board meeting to request funding assistance to move forward with construction in 2016. We would have further information following that meeting on the status of the dog park.

The Committee also continued to discuss the future of allowing pets on leash in Allouez village parks. The Committee would like staff to prepare some potential ordinance changes that would allow for this and bring back to the next meeting in May. The Committee further discussed ideas to educate the public on proper dog etiquette and cleaning up pet waste.

DISCUSSION: CHANGE THE PARKS, RECREATION, AND FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING TIME

The Committee discussed changing the meeting time from 6:30 pm and agreed to hold future Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Committee meetings at 5:30 pm.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Smoking in parks

ADJOURNMENT

D. Doran moved to adjourn at 8:00 PM. M. Bonnie seconded the motion. All ayes.

Minutes taken by Chris Clark.