

February 23rd, 2021 (Allouez Parks, Recreation & Forestry Committee Meeting)

**ALLOUEZ PARKS, RECREATION, & FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING (Virtual Meeting)
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD, 2021
5:30 P.M., ALLOUEZ VILLAGE HALL**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order at 5:33 PM by Dena Mooney.

Present: Dena Mooney, Angela Kowalzek-Adrians, Dan Fox, Rob Atwood

Not Present: Heather Gentry-Nimmer, Danyelle Pierquet, Mike Borowski

Also Present: Chris Clark, Matt Hahn

MODIFY / ADOPT AGENDA

R. Atwood moved to adopt the agenda as presented. D. Fox seconded the motion. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 16TH, 2020 MINUTES

R. Atwood moved to approve the December 16th, 2020 minutes. A Kowalzek-Adrians seconded the motion. Motion passed.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None

INFORMATION/REPORTS

- a. C. Clark gave the Committee an update on the Green Isle Park Roadway Reconstruction Project. The project is to reconstruct the park roadway from the trail crossing on the north side, through the woods to the south parking lot by the softball diamond. The apparent low bidder for the project was Vinton Construction with a bid of \$228,319.80 which was about \$54,000 less than the engineering estimate. The project will likely begin in late summer and wrap up by November.
- b. C. Clark gave the Committee an update on the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) update. A Request for Proposals (RFP) will be released on March 15th for the update to the CORP for the next five year period. Submittals are due by April 15th with selection of a consultant by the Committee on April 27th. The plan update is to be completed by September 3rd.
- c. C. Clark gave the Committee an update on Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program Reauthorization in the State of Wisconsin biannual budget. The program reauthorization is included in the governor's budget at \$70 million per year for the next ten years, provide \$700

million in bonding authority, and increase funding to local government grant program from \$6 million to \$18 million annually. The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program provides grant funding to local units of governments for development of local park infrastructure, boat ramp facilities, recreation trails, and purchases for parks and nature preserves statewide. The village has utilized the grant program in the past to purchase several park properties and develop areas such as the Resch Family East River Trail. We will be reaching out to our local state representatives to support the reauthorization of the program.

DISCUSSION: PICKLEBALL COURT USAGE AND PROGRAMS

M. Hahn gave the Committee an overview of some programming he has been working on with members from the Packerland Pickleball Players.

- He has been working with Mary Pulak on teaching a youth program and Bob Fry on adult programs
- Packerland Pickleball Players will donate equipment and their time for these programs
- Plan to open registration for these programs sometime in March

C. Clark reminded the Committee that there was signage installed last fall to help in facilitating court usage during times of high usage.

DISCUSSION: EAST RIVER TRAIL FLOODING UPDATE

C. Clark gave the Committee an update on a meeting and some work that has taken place regarding flooding along the East River.

- The East River Resiliency Collaborative held the first of several stakeholder meetings on February 17th to present their work.
- Over 70 stakeholders from the East River watershed attended the virtual meeting.
- Major takeaways:
 - The history and success stories were shared from communities throughout the watershed, including the success of the stormwater ponds throughout the Village of Allouez.
 - Hydrological flood modelling project that is being done by the University of Wisconsin-Madison.
 - Causes of flooding including high lake levels on the Great Lakes, high precipitation, wind direction (northeast winds), and tides (1' tides in Green Bay).

C. Clark provided additional information from previous studies and plans that were completed in 1967 by the Brown County Planning Department that talks about the same issues we see today. This is not a new issue. In that plan they discuss the importance of preserving the lowlands along the East River from development for flood storage and stormwater buffers. Allouez has done a great job of acquiring and preserving a lot of those properties since then for parklands and natural areas.

Additionally Clark discussed possible trail usage options during times of high water including alternative routing, boardwalks or bridging, and expansion of “cow path” trails that have been

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utilized by trail users. He will be meeting with other local communities in the next month to continue these discussions and other ideas that could potentially be utilized.

R. Atwood said that he is happy that solutions are being discussed and questioned if one such solution might be the enlargement of the river in some locations to possibly hold more of the flood waters.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- None

ADJOURNMENT

R. Atwood moved to adjourn at 6:04 PM. D. Fox seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Minutes taken by Chris Clark.