

**ALLOUEZ PARKS, RECREATION, & FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2022
5:30 P.M., ALLOUEZ VILLAGE HALL**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Danyelle Pierquet

Present: Dena Mooney, Danyelle Pierquet, Mike Borowski, Ryan Hallberg, Marc Seidl,
Rob Atwood

Excused: Angela Kowalzek-Adrians

Also Present: Chris Clark

MODIFY / ADOPT AGENDA

D. Mooney moved to adopt the agenda as presented. R. Hallberg seconded the motion. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF AUGUSTS 30TH, 2022 MINUTES

D. Mooney moved to approve the minutes dated August 30, 2022. M. Seidl seconded the motion. Motion passed.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. C. Clark informed the Committee that his department was applying for a Wisconsin DNR Urban Forestry Grant for 2023 for replacement tree planting. This is a 50:50 reimbursable matching grant with an anticipated project cost is \$35,000 that would replace 100 trees removed due to EAB. The village match would be labor and equipment costs for the planting. The village should know if they will receive the grant by mid-November.
- b. C. Clark reported on graffiti vandalism that had taken place at Optimist Park in August and September. His department is working with DEO Vogel from the Brown County Sheriff Department to further investigate the incidents.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: REQUEST FOR MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS

C. Clark provided information for a request for single track mountain bike trails from a village resident. The request was to install mountain bike trails within the park system for kids along the Resch Family East River Trail. Staff is looking for direction from the Committee on this request.

The Committee held discussion on the item:

- Mountain bike trails are not currently in the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan or the Village of Allouez Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.
- A project like this is not currently funded.
- There are natural “cow path” trails at various locations along the Resch Family East River Trail.
- New recreational activities and facilities such as this would require additional maintenance from park staff.
- Non-programmable layered uses within current park lands could be considered.
- What is the interest level from the community? This is the only request received.
- Possible installation of signage noting current alternative route paths/trails.

R. Atwood made a motion to decline the request for mountain bike trails. M. Borowski seconded the motion. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION: ELECTRIC BICYCLES (E-BIKES) ON TRAILS

C. Clark presented information to the Committee regarding a few complaints that the village has received regarding electric bicycle use on trails. The issue tends to be the speed of these types of bikes and the safety with the other users of the trails. There currently is a rule of no motorized vehicles on village trails, however E-bikes are not considered motorized as long as they remain under 30 mph.

The Committee held discussion on the item:

- Staff has reached out to neighboring communities to see if they have similar issues. The majority of the communities are currently investigating and have had a few complaints. Brown County Parks allows E-bikes but they must remain under 15 mph.
- Any regulation of this topic should be consistent from community to community.
- Be cautious of the effect that any regulations may have on ADA compliance.
- Coordinated regional efforts on trail usage etiquette.
- Possibly look into painting lane lines, especially at curves in the trail.
- Reach out to the Wisconsin Bike Federation to see if they have any resources to help.
- Clark will provide future updates to the Committee on this issue.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION: AT&T EASEMENT REQUEST

C. Clark provided information on a request from AT&T for a utility easement across the driveway at Kiwanis Park as well as another access point for the park.

The Village of Allouez Public Works Director recommended not providing an easement to AT&T but rather issue a utility permit to allow the placement of utilities in the requested locations due to the following reasons:

- Granting easement could restrict use of blanket utility easement by other utilities
- Granting easement may restrict any future Village use and improvements within easement area
- The permit would require the utility (AT&T) to pay for any needed alterations if the Village were to do any improvements within the area

September 27th, 2022 (Allouez Parks, Recreation & Forestry Committee Meeting)

- The consensus of the Committee was to proceed as recommended by the Public Works Director.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- The Committee suggested looking at moving the meetings to the Monday the week prior to typical meeting date for the next three months due to conflicts and upcoming holidays.
- Discussion on Allouez Youth Baseball

ADJOURNMENT

M. Borowski moved to adjourn at 6:16 PM. R. Hallberg seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Minutes taken by Chris Clark.