

**ALLOUEZ PARKS, RECREATION, & FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 25TH, 2023
5:30 P.M., ALLOUEZ VILLAGE HALL**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order at 5:31 PM by Marc Seidl.

Present: Angela Kowalzek-Adrians, Mike Borowski, Marc Seidl, Ryan Hallberg, Gerry Faller, Rob Atwood

Excused: Jason Mathwig

Also Present: Chris Clark

MODIFY / ADOPT AGENDA

R. Hallberg moved to adopt the agenda as presented. A. Kowalzek-Adrians seconded the motion. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 28TH, 2023 MINUTES

R. Atwood moved to approve the minutes dated February 28, 2023. R. Hallberg seconded the motion. Motion passed.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

- Raymond Maxwell, 713 Simonet St.
Does not support giving up 17 acres of green space parkland to the YMCA and wanted to express his dissatisfaction with the memorandum of understanding.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Fox-Wolf Watershed Cleanup
 - Saturday, May 6th
 - Four locations in Allouez; Eastlawn, Optimist, Kiwanis, and Wiese Parks
 - More information at Trashfreewaters.org
- b. C. Clark gave the Committee an update on various grants.
 - Received a grant from Wisconsin Coastal Management Program in amount of \$30,000. This grant is a collaborative partnership grant with the Cities of Green Bay and De Pere, Villages of Allouez and Bellevue, Town of Ledgeview, NEW Water, The Nature Conservancy, and WI Sea Grant. A consultant will create a master plan that will identify and provide solutions to flooding that affect the East River Trail.
 - The Department received a Wisconsin DNR Urban Forestry Grant in the amount of \$17,783 for tree planting over the next two years.
 - We are still awaiting confirmation of the NEW Water Tree Planting Grant from the USDA Forest Service.

INFORMATION: UPDATES ON DISCUSSION ITEMS AND PROJECTS

- a. R. Atwood provided an update on the YMCA project.
 - The YMCA is still in the fundraising phase and needs to raise 65% of the estimated \$35 million to move forward.
 - He toured the new state of the art facility at Crown Point, Indiana. He was impressed with the facility as well as the various programming and the community involvement that this location offered.
 - Architectural designs have not been produced for the Allouez facility at this time.
 - The YMCA and Village hosted a meeting that produced a lot of good questions and answers for those in attendance.
 - Another meeting is expected to be scheduled in approximately 8-10 weeks.
- b. C. Clark provided an update to the Committee regarding park projects and maintenance items.
 - The Green Isle Fitness Zone has been completed and is open to the public.
 - Optimist Park gazebo has been ordered and is expected to be delivered by mid-summer with an anticipated completion of late summer or early fall.
 - The Riverview Park entrance sign has been ordered with delivery in mid-May.
 - Alternative route trail signs for the Resch Family East River Trail have been delivered and staff will begin installation in the coming weeks.
 - Kiwanis Park parking lots. Continuing to work on design and specs with our consultants from Mead & Hunt. Planned construction is for fall of 2023.
 - Park maintenance items that staff is working on this spring:
 - Park and facility opening
 - Park cleanup
 - Athletic field prep and repairs
 - Tree planting
 - Pickleball and tennis court prep
 - Grass cutting
 - Installation of kayak launches

DISCUSSION: MEMORIAL GARDEN

The Committee held discussion on a potential future opportunity in the form of a Memorial Garden. This opportunity would be in addition to the Memorial Bench and Memorial Tree Planting programs that are currently offered.

- Potential locations
- Cost of construction; fund through donations
- Brick engraving, memorial walk, landscaping
- Low maintenance
- Purpose of garden? reflection, seating features, little library

Discussion on this item will continue at future meetings.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE ARPA FUNDS TO PURCHASE SECURITY CAMERAS FOR PARKS

This item was tabled at this time so that staff can gather more information.

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FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Memorial garden

ADJOURNMENT

A. Kowalzek-Adrians moved to adjourn at 6:02 PM. R. Atwood seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Minutes taken by Chris Clark.