

MINUTES

JOINT MEETING of the PARKS, TRAILS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE and TOWN BOARD

Town of St. Joseph - St. Croix County, Hudson WI

April 17, 2024

Meeting ID: 829 9590 2217 **Passcode:** 621324

CALL TO ORDER: By Janet Lindstrom at 6:12 pm

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE: (yes)

ROLL CALL: Janet Lindstrom, Pat Tuma, Kyle Lindstrom. Members at large: Laurie DeRosier, Tammy Kass

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: K. Lindstrom 1st, J. Lindstrom 2nd, passed.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: March 20 by J. Lindstrom 1st, K. Lindstrom 2nd, passed.

Dates of Upcoming Meetings:

Finance Committee	Tuesday	TBD	6 PM
Fire Department	Monday	June 3	6 PM
Parks, Trails and Recreation	Thursday	June 19	6 PM
Planning Commission	Wednesday	June 5	6:30 PM
Public Works	Tuesday	June 4	6 PM
Technology	Tuesday	May 21	6 PM
Town Board	Thursday	June 13	6 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. **Committee Meeting updates:** There was good attendance and comments at the annual meeting. Zac did a great job talking about the Fire Department.
2. **Ball Field Updates:** Practices have started on the field due to the nice early spring weather.
3. **Review Budget:** Committee reviewed budget sheets.

BUSINESS:

1. **Volunteer Opportunities:** We would like to ask volunteers to attend the May meeting. Listed below are projects that could be addressed at the next meeting.
 - a. Slide project will resume in the spring.
 - b. Mats need to be placed under the slide and swings
 - c. Rough cut wooden planks will need to be sanded and stained to be used as benches.
 - d. Additional volunteers will need to be secured.
 - e. Dirt will need to be graded on the south side of slide steps.
 - f. Soil needs to be brought in for low grow grass under mats.
 - g. Plants need to be ordered for playground.
 - h. Mulch needed for over the mats that will be placed under the swings.
 - i. Mulch added to playground to prevent weed growth.

2. **Motion made:** To add Tammy Kass as and alternate member of the Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee. Pat Tuma 1st, Kyle Lindstrom 2nd, passed. She will submit her letter of intent/interest to the Town Board.
3. **Review and Discussion of ToSJ park properties, site inspections:**
 - a. **Town Hall Park and Prairie Area:** Committee will plan to work on the slide mats, pond retention area and plantings around the playground and slide in mid- May. Motion was made to ask the Town Board for \$3000 dollars to purchase plants for the playground and retention pond area J. Lindstrom 1st, K. Lindstrom 2nd, passed. Burning 1/3 of the prairie each year should be discussed with the Fire Department and added to the annual plan if needed.
 - b. **Nature Preserve:** The placement of 2 road signs at the Preserve was discussed to make the Preserve more visible, safe and identifiable to the public. Stickers were placed on the kiosk at the Preserve. They will be removed once the County Sheriff has been notified.
 - c. **Perch Lake Launch Area and Parking Lot:** Adam Meade (adam.meade@sccwi.gov) has installed the boat washing station at the Perch Lake Parking Lot near the entrance to the parking lot.
 - d. **Thelen Cemetery:** Laurie DeRosier mentioned that the site needs 3-4 hours of work this spring to remove buckthorn and put down additional gravel on the path. Laurie has offered to adopt the Cemetery area and help organize volunteers there.
 - e. **Hwy 35 Rest Area:** Kyle Lindstrom and volunteers will remove several fallen oak branches prior to mowing.
 - f. **Bike/ Pedestrian Trails and Facilities:** Tap grant deadline is January, 2026 . Grant monies could be used from bike trail from Kreisel Rd to 23rd. Contact Lee from Stantec for more DOT information.
4. **Fall Festival:** Jan Gavin will talk with the 4-H kids about offering games and bringing animals to the festival.
5. **Review Annual Work Plan:** Table to the May Meeting.
6. **Grant Information:** Possibility of securing grant money for retention pond, preserve and prairie. We have a volunteer (Agnes Ring) that has come forward to help. Agnes will work with Janet Lindstrom.
7. **Spring Newsletter:** Information will be needed this coming month.
8. **May Meeting:** Appointing /Renewing committee members will take place in May. Committee members should submit their letters of interest by May 1 to the Town Board via Teri in the office.

Next Regular Meeting: May 15, 6:00 pm at Town Hall

Motion to adjourn: K. Lindstrom 1st, J. Lindstrom 2nd, passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Pat Tuma