

MINUTES

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

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

February 21, 2024

Meeting ID: 89872549689

CALL TO ORDER: By Janet Lindstrom at 6:05 pm

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE: (yes)

ROLL CALL: Janet Lindstrom, Pat Tuma, Kyle Lindstrom, Nina Boonacker, Mark Vanasse, Laurie DeRosier (Town Board Representative)

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

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: January 17 by L. DeRosier 1st, M. Vanasse 2nd.

Dates of Upcoming Meetings:

Finance Committee	Tuesday	TBD	6 PM
Fire Department	Monday	April 1	6 PM
Parks, Trails and Recreation	Thursday	March 20	6 PM
Planning Commission	Wednesday	April 3	6:30 PM
Public Works	Tuesday	April 4	6 PM
Technology	Tuesday	March 26	6 PM
Town Board	Thursday	April 11	6 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT:

St. Croix county development of Eckert County Park is listed under comprehensive Plan 2024 updates along with bike trail Map and information. County working on plans to connect bike trails from Hudson to Eckert Park. Fire Department fundraiser, 1st Friday in May. Candidate forum at Town Hall will be held Thursday, March 21 at 6:30 pm.

- Committee Meeting updates:** The plans for the new town hall building are progressing. Technology, septic system, building locks, vault and colors have been discussed.
- Ball Field Updates:** Ball field contract is under review. Outfield fence holes may need to be filled. Annual review of mowing with communication links between maintenance workers and Sandpiper representatives.
- Review Budget:** The committee is under the budget level at this time with the amount of volunteer work being done on the slide project.

BUSINESS:

- Volunteer Opportunities:** Slide project will resume in the spring. Mats will be placed under the slide and swings. Rough cut wooden planks will need to be sanded and stained to be used as benches.

2. Review and Discussion of ToSJ park properties, site inspections:

- a. **Town Hall Park and Preservation Area:** Retention pond will need to be addressed at the March meeting. Types and number of plants needed in and around the pond will need to be calculated.
 - b. **Nature Preserve:** Signs need to be placed on the Township land to identify the park to those driving by for safety reasons due to hilly terrain and curved highway. **Motion** was made to approve 2 road signs to identify the Preserve entrance on Valley View Trail. N. Boonacker 1st, M. Vanasse 2nd. Passed.
 - c. **Perch Lake Launch Area and Parking Lot:** The town clerk has notified Adam Meade (adam.meade@sccwi.gov) at the county. He will install boat washing station in the spring.
 - d. **Thelen Cemetery:** Table until spring.
 - e. **Hwy 35 Rest Area:** Table until spring.
 - f. **Bike/ Pedestrian Trails and Facilities:** Tap grant deadline is May 24. Grant monies could be used from bike trail from Kreisel Rd to 23rd.
3. **Fall Festival:** Calls are being made to fall festival committee members to plan event. Considerations for this year will include: Smaller event due to building Town Hall. Starting earlier to catch the exiting the pancake breakfast.
4. **Review Annual Work Plan:** J. Lindstrom presented the annual work plan for 2024. Please send Janet any changes or additions.
5. **Grant Information:** Possibility of securing grant money for retention pond, preserve and prairie. We have volunteer that has come forward to help.

Next Regular Meeting: March 20, 6:00 pm Open House for Outdoor Recreation Plan.

Motion to adjourn: M. Vanasse 1st, P. Tuma 2nd, passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Pat Tuma