

MINUTES

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

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

March 20, 2024

Meeting ID: 824 3911 2151 **Passcode:** 854829

CALL TO ORDER: By Pat Tuma at 6:18 pm (Due to streaming difficulties)

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE: (yes)

ROLL CALL: Pat Tuma, Nina Boonacker, Laurie DeRosier (Town Board Representative)
(Janet Lindstrom and Kyle Lindstrom on Zoom)

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: N. Boonacker 1st, P. Tuma 2nd, passed.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: February 21 by N. Boonacker 1st, P. Tuma 2nd, passed.

Dates of Upcoming Meetings:

Finance Committee	Tuesday	TBD	6 PM
Fire Department	Monday	May 6	6 PM
Parks, Trails and Recreation	Thursday	May 15	6 PM
Planning Commission	Wednesday	May 1	6:30 PM
Public Works	Tuesday	May 7	6 PM
Technology	Tuesday	April 23	6 PM
Town Board	Thursday	May 28	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.

- 1. Committee Meeting updates:** None
- 2. Ball Field Updates:** Annual review of mowing with communication links between maintenance workers and Sandpiper representatives.
- 3. Review Budget:** The committee is under the budget level at this time. The committee would like to request more information on Impact Fees.

BUSINESS:

- 1. Volunteer Opportunities:** Slide project will resume in the spring.
 - A. Mats will be placed under the slide and swings.
 - B. Rough cut wooden planks will need to be sanded and stained to be used as benches.
 - C. Volunteers will need to be secured.
 - D. Dirt will need to be graded on south side of steps.
 - E. Soil needs to be brought in for low grow grass under mats.

F. Mulch needed for over the mats that will be placed under the swings.

G. Mulch added to playground to prevent weed growth.

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 April meeting. Types and number of plants needed in and around the pond will need to be calculated.
- b. Trail may need to be closed during building process summer 2024.
- c. **Nature Preserve:** Signs presented by N. Boonacker to notify public or emergency phone numbers will be posted on Kiosk. Trail could be moved to work more efficiently and distance hunters from private land. Trail weeding and widening discussed.
- d. **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.
- e. **Thelen Cemetery:** Table until spring.
- f. **Hwy 35 Rest Area:** Remove Oak branches on the ground so mowing will be easier.
- g. **Bike/ Pedestrian Trails and Facilities:** Tap grant deadline is May 24. Grant monies could be used from bike trail from Kreisel Rd to 23rd. Contact Lee from Stantec for more DOT information.

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:** Please send any changes need to the Annual Work Plan to Janet Lindstrom.

5. **Grant Information:** Possibility of securing grant money for retention pond, preserve and prairie. We have volunteer that has come forward to help.

6. **Spring Newsletter:** No information reported.

7. **April Meeting: Appoint /Renew committee members**

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

. June Meeting tentatively scheduled for June 26, 2024.

Motion to adjourn: N. Boonacker 1st, L. DeRosier 2nd, passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Pat Tuma