

MINUTES

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

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

June 26, 2024

Meeting ID: 837 8025 1738 **Passcode:** 27130

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

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE: (yes)

ROLL CALL: Janet Lindstrom, Pat Tuma, Tammy Kass, Nina Boonacker, Dan Gavin (Town Board Representative)

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: T. Kass 1st, N. Boonacker 2nd, passed.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: May 15, 2024 by N. Boonacker 1st, J. Lindstrom 2nd, passed.

Dates of Upcoming Meetings:

Finance Committee	Tuesday	TBD	6 PM
Fire Department	Monday	August 5	6 PM
Parks, Trails and Recreation	Thursday	August 21	6 PM
Planning Commission	Wednesday	August 7	6:30 PM
Public Works	Tuesday	August 6	6 PM
Technology	Tuesday	July 30	6 PM
Town Board	Thursday	August 8	6 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. **Committee Meeting updates:** Motion was made to pursue a bike rack and repair station for the new town hall building through the Bike Coalition from grant money from the Hudson Hospital. J. Lindstrom 1st, 2nd N. Boonacker, passed. New town hall construction is waiting on permits. Town Board did not approve signs for the St. Croix Preserve on Valley View. Town Board will revisit in September.
2. **Ball Field Updates:** Town Board paid for storage building.
3. **Review Budget:** \$2100 Paid for plants, \$110 for seed, \$60 Gerten Garden Center, \$350 ABC Lumber, \$400 mulch, \$350 Menards for stairs.

BUSINESS:

1. **Volunteer Opportunities:** Listed below are projects that could be addressed in the next few months.
 - a. Add low mow grass seed to playground area. **Completed.**
 - b. Mats need to be placed under the slide. **Added more mulch under slide.**
 - c. Trees need trimming near playground bench on path. **Trees have been trimmed.**
 - d. Dirt will need to be graded on the south side of slide steps. **Completed.**
 - e. Soil needs to be brought in for low grow grass under mats. **Completed.**
 - f. Plants need to be ordered for playground. (170). **Plants ordered and planted.**
 - g. Plants need to be planted on hill by slide and near Butterfly. **Completed.**
 - h. Mulch needed for around plants. **Mulching Completed.**
 - i. Mulch added to playground to prevent weed growth. **Mulch added and fluffed. Grass planted.**

- j. Additional volunteers will need to be secured to build bridge and stairway rail. **Completed. Thank you to Brad Colter and his church group for their hard work.**
 - k. Rough cut wooden planks will need to be sanded and stained to be used as benches. **Thank you to volunteer Mike, who will be taking on that task.**
 - l. Add larger rocks to water retention pond along with plantings. **Talk with Todd Tuma on the cost for rocks and moving them for the rain garden.**
 - m. **Thank you to the entire Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee and their friends and family who have helped with construction, plantings and signage at the St. Joseph Town Hall Playground and Park Preserve. Their hundreds of hours of volunteer service have saved the Town thousands of dollars.**
2. **Committee members reappointed to committee:** Janet Lindstrom, Mark Vanasse, Nina Boonacker, Pat Tuma, Kyle Lindstrom and new member Tammy Kass.
 3. **Review and Discussion of ToSJ park properties, site inspections:**
 - a. **Town Hall Park and Prairie Area:** The following tasks should be added to the maintenance plan for the Town Hall Park: Mowing Hill by slide, trimming and weeding playground.
 - b. **Nature Preserve:** 35 Signs were placed on the border of the park by volunteers.
 - c. **Perch Lake Launch Area and Parking Lot:** Volunteers are needed to weed the steps at Perch Lake from the parking lot to the boat launch. Majority of people using the boat launch are kayakers and paddleboarders.
 - d. **Thelen Cemetery:** Laurie DeRosier mentioned 2-3 hours will be needed to add clean gravel on the path. Laurie will organize at clean-up day for the Cemetery.
 - e. **Hwy 35 Rest Area:** Kyle Lindstrom and volunteers removed several fallen oak branches and mowed the area.
 - f. **Bike/ Pedestrian Trails and Facilities:** M. Vanasse will talk to members of bike coalition about the 2026 tap grant.
 4. **Fall Festival:** P.Tuma will contact Maggie about selling honey. Hours will be 8 am to noon. Fire Chief Zac and Pat will work together on getting signs to advertise the event.
 5. **Review Annual Work Plan:** Added time table for controlled burning in the parks by Fire Department. A 3 year burning plan was discussed.
 6. **Grant Information:** Hudson Hospital Foundation may be an source for grant monies. T. Kass has expressed interest in working on grants.
 7. **Spring Newsletter:** T. Kass did a wonderful job of writing an article for the spring newsletter.
 8. **Committee or Subcommittee Recommendations to the Town Board:** Motion to the Town Board requesting a line-item transfer of \$2,000 from 55215 Trails to 55222 Town Park for the completion of the Town Park Playground water retention/rain garden. J. Lindstrom 1st, T. Kass 2nd, passed.

Next Regular Meetings: July 17, August 21, 6:00 pm at Town Hall

Motion to adjourn: J. Lindstrom, passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Pat Tuma