

## MINUTES

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

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

July 17, 2024

**Meeting ID:** 837 88697478 **Passcode:** 824053

**CALL TO ORDER:** By Janet Lindstrom at 6:03 pm

**STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE:** (yes)

**ROLL CALL:** Janet Lindstrom, Pat Tuma, Mark Vanasse, Kyle Lindstrom Tammie Kass, Nina Boonacker, Dan Gavin (Town Board Representative)

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** N. Boonacker 1<sup>st</sup>, J. Lindstrom 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:** June 26, 2024 by N. Boonacker 1<sup>st</sup>, J. Lindstrom 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.

#### Dates of Upcoming Meetings:

|                              |           |              |         |
|------------------------------|-----------|--------------|---------|
| Finance Committee            | Tuesday   | TBD          | 6 PM    |
| Fire Department              | Monday    | September 2  | 6 PM    |
| Parks, Trails and Recreation | Wednesday | September 18 | 6 PM    |
| Planning Commission          | Wednesday | September 4  | 6:30 PM |
| Public Works                 | Tuesday   | September 3  | 6 PM    |
| Technology                   | Tuesday   | August 27    | 6 PM    |
| Town Board                   | Thursday  | September 12 | 6 PM    |

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. **Committee Meeting updates:** The Bike Coalition does not have any bike racks available for the new town hall at this time. They will need to submit another grant to secure funds for additional bike racks. Thank you notes will be sent to the Faith Works group for their help with the bridge at the playground.
2. **Ball Field Updates:** No update.
3. **Review Budget:** J. Lindstrom will check to see if the \$850 for Blade Runner was listed twice in the budget.

#### BUSINESS:

1. **Volunteer Opportunities:** Listed below under individual parks.
2. **Committee members reappointed to committee:** Janet Lindstrom, Mark Vanasse, Nina Boonacker, Pat Tuma, Kyle Lindstrom and new member Tammie Kass.
3. **Review and Discussion of ToSJ park properties, site inspections:**
  - a. **Town Hall Park and Prairie Area:** A complaint was received that children were throwing rocks from the rain garden area into the grass area. Pat will contact fire fighters so they can remind children not to throw rocks and also remind the families that use the ball field. \$2000 was approved by the Town Board to finish the Rain Garden/Playground project. T. Tuma has large

rocks that he will donate to the rain garden. Plants will be planted and area will be mulched. Additional brush will be removed from the playground path.

- b. **Nature Preserve:** Prairie path will need to be moved during the construction of the new Town Hall. N. Boonacker and K. Lindstrom will check the path and make adjustments. Volunteer opportunities include buckthorn removal and trail maintenance.
  - c. **Perch Lake Launch Area and Parking Lot:** M. Vanasse spent time weed whipping the steps at Perch Lake. Perch Lake has been busy during the hot weather, however, the participants were well mannered.
  - d. **Thelen Cemetery:** Laurie DeRosier mentioned 2-3 hours will be needed to add clean gravel on the path and remove Buckthorn. Volunteers will try to meet this month or early August.
  - e. **Hwy 35 Rest Area:** K. Lindstrom mowed the area.
  - f. **Bike/ Pedestrian Trails and Facilities:** A feasibility study needs to be done prior to the next Tap Grant Cycle in 2026. Stantec,s proposal is estimated at \$58,000. The submission for the Tap Grant will need to be completed by Nov. 2025. The grant is an 80/20 match. There is a need for a discussion with the DOT concerning the right away.
4. **Fall Festival:** Hours will be 8 am to noon. Fire Chief Zac and Pat will work together on getting signs to advertise the event. Pat will contact Maggie local honey producers and S & J Green House on selling Mums.
  5. **Review Annual Work Plan:** Please give all added work plan items to J. Lindstrom.
  6. **Grant Information:** T. Kass has expressed interest in working on securing grants. She is researching and identifying grant priorities. St. Croix County has received a Tap Grant to complete Phase #2 of the Bike/Pedestrian Trail to Willow River State Park.
  7. **Committee or Subcommittee Recommendations to the Town Board:**

**Next Regular Meetings:** August 21, 2024

**Motion to adjourn:** M. Vanasse, passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Pat Tuma