

MINUTES

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

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

November 20, 2024

Meeting ID: 822 1191 7305 **Passcode:** 377342

CALL TO ORDER: By Janet Lindstrom at 5:58 pm

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE: (yes)

ROLL CALL: Janet Lindstrom, Pat Tuma, Nina Boonacker, Kyle Lindstrom, Mark Vanasse, Board Representative Dan Gavin

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: N. Boonacker 1st, M. Vanasse 2nd passed.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: Sept. 18, 2024 by, P. Tuma 1st, M. Vanasse 2nd, passed.
No Meeting was held in October.

Dates of Upcoming Meetings & Gatherings

Finance Committee	Tuesday	Feb.18	6 PM
Fire Department	Monday	Feb. ?	6 PM
Parks, Trails and Recreation	Wednesday	Feb. 19	6 PM
Planning Commission	Wednesday	Feb. 5	6:30 PM
Public Works	Tuesday	Feb. 4	6 PM
Technology	Tuesday	Feb. 25	6 PM
Town Board	Thursday	Feb. 13	6 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT

New "No Parking signs" have been placed on Nelson Farm Road to encourage patrons to use the State Park parking lots. The State Park parking lot on River Road has been expanded to accommodate additional cars. St. Croix County has received funding for the second phase of the Highway 35 Off-Road Bike Trail connecting the existing trail from Eckert Park to the Northwest corner of the Willow River State Park. Phase 3 of the trail will run from the intersection of Hwy 35/County Rd V and travel north to connect to the loop trail. <https://www.sccwi.gov/DocumentCenter/View/9246/Hwy-35-Off-Road-Trail-Phases-Map>

MONTHLY STATUS REPORTS:

1. **Committee Meeting updates**
2. **Ball Field Reports**

Sandpipers Girls Fast Pitch will be taking down fence, filling holes and securing sign that has been blown down from the wind.

3. **Review of Budget**

The Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee has come in underbudget for 2024. (\$11,522 approx.) The \$54,000 was eliminated from the 2025 budget.

BUSINESS:

1. **Finalize Budget:** 2025 budget was finalized.
2. **Review and Discussion of ToSJ park properties, site inspections:**
 - a. **Town Hall Park and Prairie Area:** Mr. Marty had a concern about the trap rock in the lawn near the restrooms. There are opportunities for volunteers to remove buckthorn in the spring out in the Prairie area.
 - b. **Nature Preserve**
Motion made to the Town Board to approve two signs to mark the entrance to the Nature Preserve. The total should not exceed \$400. N. Boonacker 1st, M. Vanasse 2nd, passed. Hunting will continue to be allowed at the Nature Preserve. The DNR reviewed the situation and said the guidelines support the Knowles Nelson Grant Funds received.
 - c. **Perch Lake Launch Area and Parking Lot:**
The “No parking” signs are up on Perch Lake Road from 60th Street to County Road E. Volunteer opportunities in the spring will include weed whipping and having the stones checked on the stairway at the boat ramp.
 - d. **Thelen Cemetery**
Trap rock needs to be ordered for the trail and volunteers are needed to spread the trap rock. N. Boonacker will get a price on the trap rock.
 - e. **Hwy 35 Rest Area:**
Area has been mowed and cleared of brush by K. Lindstrom.
 - f. **Bike/ Pedestrian Trails and Facilities:**
Tap grant was not funded for 2026. Discussion on how to proceed for the 2028 grant funding cycle.
3. **Fall Festival:** P. Tuma and J. Lindstrom will set up a meeting with Fire Department Staff (Zac and Anthony) to review plans for the 2025 Fall Festival. The meeting will discuss operation hours, signage and vendor guidelines.
4. **Review Annual Work Plan:** Please give all added work plan items to J. Lindstrom. Finalize work plan and budget for 2025.
5. **Grant Information:** Discuss at January meeting.
6. **Next Regular Meetings:** January 15, 2025 4pm.

Motion to adjourn: T. Kass, passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Pat Tuma