

MINUTES

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

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

September 18, 2024

Meeting ID: 827 0487 7572 **Passcode:** 269266

CALL TO ORDER: By Janet Lindstrom at 6:02 pm

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE: (yes)

ROLL CALL: Janet Lindstrom, Pat Tuma, Tammie Kass, Nina Boonacker, Kyle Lindstrom, Mark Vanasse (6:15 pm), Board Representative Dan Gavin

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

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: August 21, 2024 by, N. Boonacker 1st, J. Lindstrom 2nd, passed.

Dates of Upcoming Meetings & Gatherings

<i>General Election</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Nov. 5</i>	<i>All Day</i>
Finance Committee	Tuesday	TBD	6 PM
Fire Department	Monday	Nov. 4	6 PM
Parks, Trails and Recreation	Wednesday	Nov. 20	6 PM
Planning Commission	Wednesday	Nov. 6	6:30 PM
Public Works	Tuesday	Oct. 29	6 PM
Technology	Thursday	Nov. 21	6 PM
Town Board	Thursday	Nov. 14	6 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. **Committee Meeting updates:** Cement for the new town hall was poured in September. Doors and windows will be put in by end of November. The Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee would like to discuss including vegetation in front of the new town hall instead of rocks. Committee was asked revisit building pickleball courts near old orchard site.
2. **Ball Field Updates:** No update.
3. **Review Budget:** No concerns.

BUSINESS:

1. **Finalize Budget:** Committee finalized budget to be presented for 2025.
2. **Review and Discussion of ToSJ park properties, site inspections:**
 - a. **Town Hall Park and Prairie Area:** Seven volunteers met on Sept. 18 to weed the west side of the Town Hall. They removed invasive weeds/vines and raked the area. Thank you to Jan Gavin

for leading the project. There was a complaint concerning the rain garden not working. K. Lindstrom and N. Boonacker commented that plants need a year to become established to soak up water. K. Lindstrom brushed out the walking trail and it was mowed for the Fall Festival. Playground chips were turned with a pitch fork and invasive plants were removed.

- b. **Nature Preserve:** Volunteers are working on sanding and staining wood benches. DNR was contacted by Town Board and stated that the current laws are appropriate for the Nature Preserve concerning firearms, trapping and archery. Recommendation to the Town Board to facilitate a meeting between the DNR and residents boarding the Nature Preserve. D. Gavin 1st, J. Lindstrom 2nd, passed.
 - c. **Perch Lake Launch Area and Parking Lot:** Volunteer opportunities include weeding and buckthorn removal as needed. (No Parking Signs) have been put up from County Road E to 60th Street to help keep the road open for emergency vehicles during the summer.
 - d. **Thelen Cemetery** Volunteers will try to meet this month or early November. N. Boonacker will see what it costs to get 10 tons of trap rock plus delivery for the trails. Committee will also contact Chris Marshall on the cost of transporting trap rock to Thelen Cemetery site.
 - 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. \$60,000 was proposed in the 2025 budget to complete this project.
3. **Fall Festival:** Hours will be 8 am to 11 am for the Fall Festival. Pancake Breakfast is scheduled from 7am-9 am. A variety of bake goods, jelly & jam, honey, maple syrup, crafts, jewelry and cards will be on sale. There will be animals, crafts and a scavenger hunt for the kids.
 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:** T. Kass has expressed interest in working on securing grants. She is researching and identifying grant priorities. Grants are also needed for new benches at the playground as well as buckthorn, nonnative species, and diseased tree removal at the Preserve. The Preserve could also use bathrooms, a shelter and a bike repair station. St. Croix County has received a Tap Grant to complete Phase #2 of the Bike/Pedestrian Trail to Willow River State Park. Work on Phase I of the bike trail is now complete from North Hudson to the proposed entrance of Eckert County Park.

Next Regular Meetings: November 20, 2024

Motion to adjourn: T. Kass, passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Pat Tuma