

MINUTES

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

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

February 19, 2025

Meeting ID: 838 8807 7113 **Passcode:** 482331

CALL TO ORDER: By Janet Lindstrom at 4:12 pm

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE: (yes)

ROLL CALL: Janet Lindstrom, Pat Tuma, Nina Boonacker, Kyle Lindstrom, Tammie Kass Online, Board Representative Dan Gavin

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: Jan. 15 2025 by J. Lindstrom 1st, N. Boonacker 2nd, passed.

Dates of Upcoming Meetings & Gatherings

Finance Committee	Tuesday		6 PM
Fire Department	Monday		6 PM
Parks, Trails and Recreation	Wednesday	Apr. 16	6 PM
Planning Commission	Wednesday	Apr. 2	6:30 PM
Public Works	Tuesday	Apr. 8	6 PM
Technology	Tuesday	Apr. 22	6:30 PM
Town Board	Thursday	Apr. 10	6 PM
4-H Candidate Forum	Thursday	Mar. 20	6:30 PM
Spring Election	Tuesday	April 1	

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jill Noble attended the meeting. She may be interested in becoming an alternate member on the committee. There is no proposed bike trail on Valley View Road. The town completed a needs assessment in 2023, where the old proposed bike trail map was removed. The Outdoor Recreation Plan contains a newer map. State law does allow for people on bikes to use 3 feet on the side of the road. For more information: [Wisconsin Bike Safety](#)

MONTHLY STATUS REPORTS:

1. Committee Meeting updates:

D. Gavin reported that the sprinkler system concern at the new town hall has been resolved. The cost and payment responsibility will be addressed. The town hall completion date has been moved to June 2025. St. Croix County is postponing the start of the "Phase Two Bike Trail" from the entrance of Eckert Park to the northwest corner of the Willow River State Park.

2. Ball Field Reports

Sandpipers Girls Fast Association will not be using the Town Hall softball field this year. The Hudson Boosters are experiencing growth and would like to rent the field. They would need the orange fence removed in the outfield. They would also be interested in using the storage area. A recommendation

was made for the Town Board and the Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee to split the cost of the softball/baseball field storage building.

3. **Review of Budget**

No concerns at this time.

BUSINESS:

1. **Review and Discussion of ToSJ park properties, site inspections:**

a. **Town Hall Park and Prairie Area:**

A motion was made to ask the Town Board to post a sign on the restroom doors at the new town hall listing the hours that the restrooms will be open. The old restrooms will remain for this summer.

b. **Nature Preserve**

Volunteer opportunities include buckthorn removal and making the trail wider.

c. **Perch Lake Launch Area and Parking Lot:**

The rock stairway at the boat launch should be checked in the spring for loose stones and the stones should be secured.

d. **Thelen Cemetery**

N. Boonacker has a historical video clip about Thelen Cemetery and it's history and would like to post it on the website.

e. **Hwy 35 Rest Area:**

Area needs to be mowed as needed.

f. **Bike/ Pedestrian Trails and Facilities:**

Discussion on how to proceed for the 2028 grant funding cycle should be discussed.

2. **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, new signage, advertising and vendor location/guidelines.

3. **Review Annual Work Plan:** Please give all added work plan items to J. Lindstrom.

4. **Grant Information:** T. Kass listed a grant through the DNR that has an April 1 deadline. It would be awarded July 1 and run for 24 months. The grant could total up to \$15,000 with a 25% match required by the Town.

5. **Next Regular Meeting:** March 19, 2025 at 4 pm. April 16 meeting will be at 6 pm.

Motion to adjourn: K. Lindstrom 1st, N. Boonacker 2nd, passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Pat Tuma