

MINUTES

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

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

March 19, 2025

Meeting ID: 819 9037 1198 **Passcode:** 318000

CALL TO ORDER: By Mark Vanasse at 4:02 pm

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE: (yes)

ROLL CALL: Mark Vanasse, Pat Tuma, Nina Boonacker, Tammie Kass, Board Representative Dan Gavin, Jill Noble.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (yes)

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

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: Feb. 19, 2025 by N. Boonacker 1st, Dan Gavin 2nd, passed.

Dates of Upcoming Meetings & Gatherings

Finance Committee	Tuesday		6 PM
Fire Department	Monday		6 PM
Parks, Trails and Recreation	Wednesday	May 21	6 PM
Planning Commission	Wednesday	May 7	6:30 PM
Public Works	Tuesday	May 6	6 PM
Technology	Tuesday	Apr. 22	6:30 PM
Town Board	Thursday	May 8	6 PM

MONTHLY STATUS REPORTS:

1. **Committee Meeting updates:**

D. Gavin reported that the sheet rock walls are up in the new town hall and the electrical work is being completed. The new well pump will be tested and the sprinkler concern has been addressed.

2. **Ball Field Reports:**

The town board will purchase the storage building from the Sandpipers Girls Fast Pitch League and will sell the supplies inside to the boosters for \$1100. Teri has the keys for the storage building. The boosters will receive a key once the check for the supplies have been received. The boosters will start to use the field sometime after mid-April, weather permitting.

3. **Review of Budget**

There is a concern with animals that are found in the Town of St. Joseph. One town resident called animal control to pick up their own dog they did not want. Another dog was found in St. Joseph and was returned to their owner in Stillwater, the owner refused to take the dog back. The fees to have these dogs transported to a shelter that would take them totaled \$905. Invoices will be sent to each owner to cover the costs of the transfer and shelter fees.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Volunteer Opportunities for April:

J. Lindstrom has a list of volunteers that will help with Buckthorn removal weather permitting.

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

a. Town Hall Park and Prairie Area:

There was discussion concerning the mulch needed for the playground area. The mulch needs to be fluffed up and new mulch should be added.

Trails should be mowed wide enough for walkers to walk in pairs and to avoid ticks. A new trail will need to be added to connect to the trail that was removed during the construction of the new town hall. A controlled burn is scheduled for the Prairie area weather permitting. Plantings at the new Town Hall were mentioned.

b. Nature Preserve

New trail length information should be added to the trail signs. Committee members will determine the length of each trail. Volunteer projects include trail maintenance and staining benches.

c. Perch Lake Launch Area and Parking Lot:

The rock stairway at Perch Lake boat launch should be checked in the spring and loose stones should be secured. M. Vanasse and Pat Tuma will check out the stairs. Volunteer opportunities include keeping the stairs clear of weeds and picking up trash.

d. Thelen Cemetery:

Volunteers needed to address Buckthorn removal and clean up trails as needed.

e. Hwy 35 Rest Area:

Volunteer opportunities include mowing the area as needed and trash pickup.

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, new signage, advertising and vendor location/guidelines.

4. Review Annual Work Plan:

Please give all added work plan items to J. Lindstrom.

5. Grant Information:

The April 1 deadline to apply for a grants to address Buckthorn removal was too tight. The grant application will be addressed next year.

6. PTR Committee Recommendations:

Committee members should reapply for positions on the Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee.

7. Next Regular Meeting: May 21, 2025 at 6 pm.

Motion to adjourn: M. Vanasse 1st, N. Boonacker 2nd, passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Pat Tuma