

MINUTES

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

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

May 21, 2025

Meeting ID: 861 5083 6128 **Passcode:** 828425

CALL TO ORDER: By J. Lindstrom at 4:02 pm

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE: (yes)

ROLL CALL: Janet Lindstrom, Pat Tuma, Kyle Lindstrom, Nina Boonacker, Tammie Kass, Guest in attendance Laurie DeRosier.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (yes)

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: N. Boonacker 1st, P. Tuma 2nd, passed.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: April 16 minutes by N. Boonacker 1st, J. Lindstrom 2nd, passed.

Public Comment: Volunteer policies and forms were handed out by J. Lindstrom. Forms need to be completed and handed into the town office prior to volunteers helping out. Volunteers can keep the information that is attached to the form for their records. J. Lindstrom reported on Phase II of the St. Croix County Bike/Pedestrian Trail to be completed in 2026. Funding has been secured and the trail will go from Eckert Park to the northwest corner of the Willow River State Park. It will be a combination of off road and on road trails.

MONTHLY STATUS REPORTS:

1. **Committee Meeting updates:**
D. Gavin was not in attendance to give the update. Tabled to June 18 meeting.
2. **Ball Field Reports:**
The Boosters are using the field. Field conditions are very good due to the rain.
3. **Review of Budget**
Animal control is listed in the Parks, Trails and Recreation budget, but has it's own line item determined by the Town Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Newsletter Discussion Ideas:**
 - a. Bicycle safety Information.
 - b. Recap of projects in the various park areas.
 - c. Fall Festival Information.
 - d. Projects accomplished in the last 6 months.
2. **Review and Discussion of ToSJ park properties, site inspections:**
 - a. **Town Hall Park and Prairie Area:**
N. Boonacker talked with John about the playground mulch. Six inches of mulch is needed per sq. ft. Calls will be made to Hudson and River Falls to see what kind of mulch they use. The burn was completed at the Prairie this spring. A new map will be posted at the kiosk once the new trail has been determined. Part of the trail was moved due to the new Town Hall

construction. Retention pond is working well. Weeds have been removed. There are some drainage concerns with the new town hall build that may need to be addressed.

Nature Preserve

New trail length information and trail changes should be added to the trail signs. N. Boonacker will determine the length of each trail. Volunteer projects include trail maintenance and treating benches with tongue oil. Benches will be installed to approx. chair height 18 inches by K. Lindstrom and volunteers.

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

Volunteer opportunities include keeping the stairs clear of weeds and picking up trash. M. Vanasse and T. Tuma repaired loose stones on the stairway at boat launch.

c. **Thelen Cemetery:**

Thank you to Laurie DeRosier for volunteer work completed at the cemetery. There is some confusion about two head stones for the same person. Committee members are researching the concern. Volunteers are needed to address Buckthorn removal and clean up trails as needed.

d. **Hwy 35 Rest Area:**

Volunteer opportunities include mowing the area as needed and trash pickup. A pair of eagles were observed nesting in the area.

3. **Fall Festival:** J. Lindstrom and P. Tuma met with Fire Department Staff (Anthony) to review plans for the 2025 Fall Festival. New signs will be purchased for the various locations entering the township. The Fire Department and PTR Committees will work together on this project.

4. **Review Annual Work Plan:**

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

5. **Grant Information:**

The grant application process was tabled until August 2025 for preparation of the application for 2026.

6. **PTR Committee Membership:**

Janet Lindstrom, Chair	Citizen Member 1
Pat Tuma	Citizen Member 2
Nina Boonaker	Citizen Member 3
Tammie Kass	Citizen Member 4
Dan Gavin	Town Board Member
Kyle Lindstrom	Citizen Alternate 1
Mark Vanasse	Citizen Alternate 2

7. **Next Regular Meeting:** June 18, 2025 at 4 pm.

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by Pat Tuma