

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
Park and Recreation Commission Members
FROM: Bill Waller, City Administrator
DATE: March 31, 2022
RE: Meeting Minutes
March 29, 2022

The La Crescent Park and Recreation Commission met at 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, March 29, 2022, in the City Council Chambers at the La Crescent City Hall. The following members were present: Jon Steffes, Paul McLellan, Sarah Wetterlin, Diana Adamski, Maseray Bangura, Patti Martell, and Marge Loch-Wouters. Also in attendance were Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner, Chris Fortsch and Bill Waller.

1. Commission members and staff conducted introductions that included how long they have served on the Park & Recreation Commission, what they do or did for employment, and a memorable moment from serving on the Park & Recreation Commission.
2. It was the consensus of the Commission to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2022 Park and Recreation Commission meeting as presented.
3. The Park & Recreation Commission's duties and objectives, their decision-making authority, and the relevant section of the City Code was reviewed at the meeting. This included a review of the open meeting law requirements as it pertains to the Park & Recreation meetings and members of the Park & Recreation Commission.
4. The Park & Recreation Commission considered a request to install lights at the sand volleyball courts at Old Hickory Park. Discussion followed, including the possibility of obtaining feedback from neighbors in the area about the request, along with developing a basis for considering the impact of the proposed lighting. MSA will work to incorporate recommendations in the Comprehensive Park & Recreation Plan regarding the installation of lighting in City parks.
5. The Park & Recreation Commission reviewed the revised project schedule for the update to the City's Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan, including the addition of a Park & Recreation Commission meeting in April that will be an open-house format in order for the public to provide comments on the draft Plan. It was agreed that the Park & Recreation Commission would meet on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at 5:30 pm, at the La Crescent Community Building for the purpose of holding a public informational meeting on the update to the City's Comprehensive Park & Recreation Plan.

6. Becky Binz and Dan Schmitt from MSA were in attendance at the meeting via Zoom to review the preliminary recommendations, draft master plan, and priority worksheets relating to the update to the City's Comprehensive Park & Recreation Plan. The draft plans for Eagles Bluff Park, Vollenweider/Vetsch/Stoney Point, Horse Track Meadows, and Wieser Park were reviewed and discussion followed regarding items to add to and remove from each of the draft park plans.
7. Public comments were received from seven individuals that were in attendance at the meeting regarding the update to the City's Comprehensive Park & Recreation Plan.
8. There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:04 pm.