

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members  
Park and Recreation Commission Members  
FROM: Bill Waller, City Administrator  
DATE: January 20, 2017  
RE: Meeting Minutes  
January 19, 2017

The La Crescent Park and Recreation Commission met at 5:30 p.m., on Thursday, January 19, 2017, in the Conference Room at the La Crescent City Hall. The following members were present: Jon Steffes, Diana Adamski, Randy Dobbs, Mike Limberg, and Sarah Wetterlin. Commission members Eileen Krenz and Sue Howe were not in attendance. Also in attendance were Bill Waller, Alison Bettin, Bernie Buehler, Dick Wieser, and Randy Urich.

1. It was the consensus of the Commission to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2016 Park and Recreation Commission meeting as presented.
2. The Commission conducted a teleconference with Jason Valerius and Sarah McDonald from MSA regarding the proposed new hotel and event center that would be built on the American Legion property, with a portion of the parking for the development being constructed on Veterans Park property. Current and past site plans for the area were reviewed, and discussion followed regarding components that the Commission would like to see included in a revised site plan for Veteran's Park.
3. The Commission reviewed the 2016 park and recreation season and the upcoming 2017 summer recreation season.
4. Alison Bettin, the City's Greenstep Intern was in attendance at the meeting to review Tree City USA designation, along with the City's greenstep program. An Arbor Day proclamation and observance will be planned for the spring of 2017.
5. The Commission was updated on the status of a number of improvement projects, including the following: the wagon wheel project, the canoe/kayak access at Blue Lake, the replacement of the playground equipment at John S. Harris Park, and the process to update City planning documents.
6. It was the consensus of the Commission to allow the Lego League to install bat houses in City park areas.
7. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m.