

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
Park and Recreation Commission Members
FROM: Bill Waller, City Administrator
DATE: March 20, 2024
RE: Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2024

The La Crescent Park and Recreation Commission met at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, March 18, 2024, in the Wieser Park Pavilion at Wieser Park. The following members were present: Maseray Bangura, Patti Martell, Marge Loch-Wouters, Diana Adamski and Sarah Wetterlin. Commission members Jon Steffes and Paul McLellan were not in attendance. Also in attendance were Randy Urich, Ruth Nissen, Val Green, Steve Gund, Jason Ludwigson, and Bill Waller.

1. It was the consensus of the Commission to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2024 Park and Recreation Commission meeting as presented.
2. Val Green, DNR Forestry was in attendance at the meeting to review the Habitat Plan that she had completed for the Stoney Point/Vetsch/Vollenwieder property. The discussion included a review of the invasive exotics present on the property, and alternatives to manage the vegetation. Jason Ludwigson reviewed the pending Conservation Partners Legacy Expedited Grant Application for mowing, treating, and then re-planting a portion of the Stoney Point property.
3. Steve Gund, La Crescent Lions Club, reviewed the Map the Experience project for Eagles Bluff Park. Funding for the project is coming from the La Crescent Lions Club and a Statewide Health Improvement Partnership grant.
4. An update was provided on the increase in the hourly rate of pay for lifeguards, and reimbursing lifeguards at the end of the season for the costs associated with obtaining and maintaining their certification as a lifeguard that was recently approved by the City Council.
5. The Commission was provided an update on the Blue Lake Canoe/Kayak access project and the dog park project.
6. The Commission reviewed the 2023 summary of activity for the Natural Resource Advisory Group, the Winona County improvement project at Apple Blossom Overlook Park, and the draft of the Root River Trail Extension Plan.
7. The Commission was updated on the status of various grant applications, including the Outdoor Recreation Grant for improvements at Wieser Park, the Area Transportation Partnership application and the MnDOT Technical Assistance Funding, along with the DNR grant for stream improvements at Pine Creek.
8. The next Park & Recreation Commission meeting will be May 20, 2024. The meeting will be held at the Wieser Park Pavilion.
9. There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:48 pm.

