

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members  
Park and Recreation Commission Members  
FROM: Bill Waller, City Administrator  
DATE: January 23, 2019  
RE: Meeting Minutes  
January 22, 2019

The La Crescent Park and Recreation Commission met at 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, January 22, 2019, in the City Council Chambers at the La Crescent City Hall. The following members were present: Jon Steffes, Mike Limberg, Eileen Krenz, Reid Smith, Sarah Wetterlin, Diana Adamski, and Randy Dobbs. All Commission members were in attendance. Also in attendance was Joy Rockwell and Bill Waller.

1. It was the consensus of the Commission to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2018 Park and Recreation Commission meeting as presented.
2. Jon Steffes reviewed the upcoming 2019 park and recreation season with the Commission, and discussed planned improvements for 2019. This was informational, and required no action.
3. The Commission was updated on the status of the Wagon Wheel Improvement Project. The Commission reviewed an updated map for phase 3 of the project.
4. The Commission was informed that construction of the sand volleyball courts at Old Hickory Park originally planned for 2018 was delayed until the spring of 2019.
5. Joy Rockwell provided the Commission with an update regarding the development of a dog park. It was agreed that meetings with interested parties would be held, and that additional information regarding this project will be presented in the future.
6. The Commission was informed that new park signs have been ordered and that they will be installed in 2019 at the Blue Lake Canoe/Kayak access, at Crescent Valley Park, and at the Eagles Bluff Trail Head.
7. The Commission was updated on the status of the Bird City USA designation, and the establishment of a Natural Resource Advisory Group. An update was provided regarding the solar thermal project at the pool, with an additional alternative to be reviewed and presented at a future Commission meeting.
8. The Commission was updated on the maintenance items at the aquatic center which are included in the 2019 budget.
9. The Commission discussed converting the skatepark at Veterans Park to pickleball courts. Discussion followed regarding the possibility of adding pickleball to the summer recreation program, and discussed alternative sites for pickleball activities.
10. The Commission requested that open skate at the ice arena and an outdoor skating rink be added to the agenda for the next Commission meeting.

11. The Commission discussed the replacement of the playground equipment at Veteran's Park and an additional playground component at John S. Harris Memorial Park. Information regarding this will be presented at the next Commission meeting.
12. The Commission discussed maintenance items and improvements to the ball field at Veteran's Park, and the need to replace bleachers at various ballfields in the community.
13. It was agreed that the next Park and Recreation Commission meeting will be held on Monday, March 18, 2019, at 5:30 pm.
14. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:43 p.m.