

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members  
Park and Recreation Commission Members  
FROM: Bill Waller, City Administrator  
DATE: November 24, 2021  
RE: Meeting Minutes  
November 15, 2021

The La Crescent Park and Recreation Commission met at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, November 15, 2021, in the City Council Chambers at the La Crescent City Hall. The following members were present: Jon Steffes, Paul McLellan, Sarah Wetterlin, Diana Adamski, and Linda Gasper. Commission member Eileen Krenz was not in attendance. Also in attendance were Chris Fortsch and Bill Waller.

1. Brief introductions were held.
2. It was the consensus of the Commission to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2021 Park and Recreation Commission meeting as presented.
3. Eric Kiesau, representing La Crescent Youth Baseball/Softball, presented a plan to the Commission to install a new electronic scoreboard that would be installed adjacent to the power pole that is located near the well house at Veterans Park. La Crescent Youth Baseball/Softball, working with a donor, would be responsible for all of the costs associated with the improvement project. It was the consensus of the Commission to allow La Crescent Youth Baseball/Softball to proceed with the project, contingent upon confirming with La Crescent Youth Soccer that the proposed location does not impact the Soccer organizations use of the park.
4. Lisa Smith and Todd Wiedenhaft were in attendance at the meeting to review their request to install lights at the sand volleyball courts at Old Hickory Park. It was the consensus of the Commission to wait on making a recommendation on this request until more input is received and the update to the City's Comprehensive Park & Recreation Plan is completed.
5. Becky Binz and Dan Schmitt from MSA were in attendance at the meeting via Zoom to review the preliminary needs assessment findings and public input that has been received regarding the update to the City's Comprehensive Park & Recreation Plan. Included in the review were the following items: project schedule, park maps, La Crescent parks needs assessment highlights, feedback from the community survey and Farmer's Market, and preliminary ideas for Eagles Bluff, Vollenweider/Vetsch/ Stoney Point, and Horsetrack Meadows. Discussion followed on each item with members of the Commission, and input from those in attendance at the meeting.
6. It was agreed that the next meeting of the Park & Recreation Commission would be Monday, January 31, 2022, at 5:30 pm., at City Hall.
7. There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:22 pm.

