

TO: Park & Recreation Commission Members
FROM: Bill Waller, City Administrator
Chris Fortsch, Administrative Assistant
Jon Steffes, Summer Recreation Director
DATE: November 28, 2023
RE: Meeting Notice
Monday, December 4, 2023
5:30 p.m., Wieser Park Pavilion at Wieser Park
1817 County Road #6, La Crescent

AGENDA

1. Consideration of meeting minutes – October 30, 2023.
2. Review location for proposed new dog park. Work was stopped at the location adjacent to South 7th Street, and the City Council requested that the Park & Recreation Commission evaluate another potential site and bring back a recommendation to a future City Council meeting.
The Park & Recreation Commission considered a site plan for a dog park adjacent to Stoney Point Road and North 1st Street. Based on input from land owners in the area, the Park & Recreation Commission was asked to consider Vetsch Park as a site for the proposed dog park. Attached is a site plan for Vetsch Park that includes the proposed dog park.
This is presented for review and discussion by the Park & Recreation Commission at this meeting. This site plan has not been forwarded to the Minnesota Land Trust for their review and approval, and it has also not been mailed to adjacent land owners in the area. If the Park & Recreation Commission would like to move forward with Vetsch Park as a proposed location for the dog park, that would be the next steps in the process.
The City is working with a local student on this project for his Eagle Scout designation. In addition, the City is working with a local foundation that has agreed to donate approximately \$100,000.00 towards the overall improvement. In recognition of the donation, it is suggested that the City name the facility as the DeLacy Dog Park.
3. The suggested date for the next Park & Recreation Commission meeting is Monday, February 5, 2024. The meeting will be held at the Wieser Park Pavilion.
4. Additional discussion items.
5. Adjournment.

Please call either Chris or Bill at 895-2595, or e-mail us at cfortsch@cityoflacscent-mn.gov or bwaller@cityoflacscent-mn.gov, if you will not be able to attend, have questions, or need more information. Thank you.

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
Park and Recreation Commission Members
FROM: Bill Waller, City Administrator
DATE: November 7, 2023
RE: Meeting Minutes
October 30, 2023

The La Crescent Park and Recreation Commission met at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, October 30, 2023, in the Wieser Park Pavilion at Wieser Park. The following members were present: Jon Steffes, Paul McLellan, Maseray Bangura, Patti Martell, Marge Loch-Wouters, Diana Adamski and Sarah Wetterlin. Also in attendance were Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner, Chris Fortsch, Tyler Benish, and Bill Waller.

1. It was the consensus of the Commission to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2023 Park and Recreation Commission meeting as presented.
2. The Commission was updated on the status of the dog park project, and that work was stopped at the location adjacent to South 7th Street. The City Council had requested that the Park & Recreation Commission evaluate another potential site and bring back a recommendation to a future City Council meeting. The Commission reviewed a site plan for a dog park located on property owned by the City adjacent to Stoney Point Road and North 1st Street. Discussion followed from members of the Commission, and input and comments were received from those in attendance at the meeting. Input was received from approximately 10 of the 20 plus individuals that attended the meeting. As part of the discussion, Sarah DeLacy, representing the DeLacy Family Foundation, reviewed the Foundations pledge/commitment of more than \$100,000 towards all the costs of the improvement project. The Commission agreed to review a location at Vetsch Park as a site for the dog park, and bring back a plan to the next Park & Recreation Commission meeting for review and further discussion
3. The next Park & Recreation Commission meeting will be December 4, 2023. The meeting will be held at the Wieser Park Pavilion.
4. There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:37 pm.

