

TO: Park & Recreation Commission Members
FROM: Bill Waller, City Administrator
Jon Steffes, Summer Recreation Director
DATE: March 3, 2021
RE: Meeting Notice
Monday, March 15, 2021
5:30 p.m., La Crescent City Hall
315 Main Street

AGENDA

1. Consideration of meeting minutes – February 16, 2021.
2. An update will be provided at the meeting on the status of easements for the trail extensions that have been discussed at previous Commission meetings.
3. Jon Steffes will review the outline of the 2021 summer recreation season, a copy of which is included.
4. The Commission will be updated on the preparation of a formal plan to address the maintenance and permitted uses in the City's natural spaces.
5. Discussion regarding the operation/maintenance of Wieser Park.
6. 2021 Arbor Day project/proclamation, information included.
7. Update on the third phase of the Wagon Wheel improvement project, the construction of the bicycle/pedestrian bridge over MN State Highway 14/61.
8. Discussion regarding a concept of a park shelter at Veteran's Park, a copy of which is included.
9. Additional Discussion Items.
10. Set date for next Commission meeting.
11. Adjournment.

NOTICE

Please take notice that pursuant to Minn. Stat. Section 13D.021, members of the Park & Recreation Commission may attend the meeting by telephone or zoom.

Please call me at 895-2595, or e-mail me at bwaller@cityoflacrescent-mn.gov, if you will not be able to attend, have questions, or need more information.

Thank you.

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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
Park and Recreation Commission Members
FROM: Bill Waller, City Administrator
DATE: February 17, 2021
RE: Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2021

The La Crescent Park and Recreation Commission met at 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, in the City Council Chambers at the La Crescent City Hall. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. Section 13D.021 and due to the COVID-19 pandemic, members of the Park & Recreation Commission and City staff were given the option to attend the meeting by telephone or zoom. The following members were present in person: Jon Steffes, Paul McLellan, Sarah Wetterlin, Diana Adamski, and Mike Limberg. Commission members Eileen Krenz and Randy Dobbs were not in attendance. Also in attendance in person were Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner, Chris Fortsch, Jason Ludwigson, and Bill Waller.

1. It was the consensus of the Commission to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2021 Park and Recreation Commission meeting as presented.
2. Lisa Smith was in attendance at the meeting to review her interest in developing a competitive sand volleyball league that would use the courts at Old Hickory Park, and her request to install lights at the courts. Discussion followed, and it was the consensus of the Commission that the request to establish the volleyball league be approved on a trial basis for 2021, and that the request to install lights at the courts be re-evaluated in the fall of 2021. A copy of the request is attached to these minutes.
3. Jason Ludwigson, the City's Sustainability Coordinator, was in attendance at the meeting and provided an update to the Commission regarding on-going work to secure easements to allow for the development of trails that are identified in the City's Blufflands Plan. It was the consensus of the Commission that Mr. Ludwigson would continue to work on developing and securing easements with private property owners to allow for the continued expansion of new trails that are identified in the City's Blufflands Plan.
4. Jon Steffes provided a brief update regarding the 2021 summer recreation season and schedule. It was the consensus of the Commission that final decisions regarding programming for the summer of 2021 would not be finalized until May, and that the Commission would continue to have monthly meetings and monitor the current on-going health pandemic prior to finalizing a decision regarding programming for the summer of 2021.
5. Administrative Clerk Chris Fortsch reviewed with the Commission the USTA adult tennis league that began play in 2020 three nights a week. It was the consensus of the Commission that the league play continue in 2021, with a review of the season to be completed prior to the beginning of the 2022 season.

6. The Commission was updated on the City's efforts to develop a formal plan focused on maintenance and permitted uses in the City's natural spaces. The project is proposed to begin in the second half of 2021 with the Park & Recreation Commission playing an active role in the development of the plan.
7. The Commission reviewed the outdoor skating rink that was installed on the City's lot on the corner of Main and Oak Street and discussed locations for a second rink for the winter of 2021/2022.
8. The Commission was informed that the transfer of Wieser Park from La Crescent Township to the City of La Crescent was complete. Chris Fortsch reviewed how La Crescent Township administered the park, existing park amenities, and immediate and future maintenance items that will need to be addressed. It was agreed that this item would be put on the agenda for the next meeting for additional discussion.
9. Information was presented on the Drift Bike share as a potential project for 2022.
10. It was agreed that the next meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission would be Monday, March 15, 2021, at 5:30 pm., at City Hall.
11. There being nothing further to discuss the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:07 pm.

Jan 4th 2021

To the City of LaCrescent,

I am submitting a proposal to run a competitive co-ed volleyball league in the summer of 2021 at Old Hickory Park. The league would consist of 3 men and 3 women on each team with an 8 team max. Games would be from 6-9pm. However to make this timeframe work we need lights over the volleyball courts. I have a quote from P and T Electric for \$10,452 to install lights. I know this price is a little high, but we would be keeping the busy local to LaCrescent. I would charge 150 dollars per team and 100 percent of the money can get reinvested into lights and volleyball court up keep and other supplies to run the league. This league will bring LaCrosse, Onalaska and Holmen residents into the community and help out local businesses as well. If the first year went well I would consider running a B league level on a different night of the week the following year. Myself and another player ran two tournaments at Old Hickory park this summer that were very successful. We would look at doing this as well as a fundraiser for the lights to increase capital at the beginning. I would need the City to pay for the lights up front as we would need them installed before we could start the league in May of 2021.

As far as the night of the week it would be Thursday night as that is what works best for the majority of players that would be playing. I have talked to the volleyball community already and this is something LaCrescent has needed for a long time. Currently there is no competitive summer leagues in LaCrescent or LaCrosse that have decent courts. I appreciate your time and look forward to working with you to get this league up and running.

Lisa Smith

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Summer Recreation Programming 2021

Saturday, May 1 – Summer Recreation sign up, 8:00-10:00 a.m., high school cafeteria

Monday, May 3, Summer Rec sign up, 5:00-7:00 p.m., Pool

Saturday, May 22 – pool opens, 1:00 p.m.

Monday, May 24 – Crucifixion Pool Party

Tuesday, May 25 – Houston Pool Party

Wednesday, May 26 – Trempealeau Pool Party

Thursday, May 27 – La Crescent Middle Pool Party

Friday, May 28 – La Crescent Elementary Pool Party

Monday, May 31 Starts: Swim Team

Monday, June 7 Starts: baseball, basketball, softball, volleyball, swim lessons, tennis, golf.

Thursday, July 29 End: Baseball, basketball, softball, volleyball, tennis

Swim Lessons:

Session 1: June 7-18

Sign up for lessons: Monday, June 21

Session 2: June 22-July 5

Sign up for lessons: Tuesday, July 6

Session 3: July 7-20

Sign up for lessons: Wednesday, July 21

Session 4: July 22-August 4

Sign up for lessons: Thursday, August 5

Session 5: August 6-August 19

Pool closes: Sunday, August 22, 5:00 p.m.

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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Angie Boettcher, Administrative Assistant

DATE: 3/2/2021

SUBJECT: Arbor Day Proclamation

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Angie B.", is written over the "FROM:" line of the header.

Attached for review and consideration by the City Council is the 2021 Arbor Day Proclamation. We would suggest that the City Council adopt the proclamation.

The City's 2021 Arbor Day event will include the planting of approximately sixty trees total at Veteran's Park and Hickory Lane.

For City Council information, the City's 2020 Tree City USA application is still being processed. I am hoping to hear from them within the next couple of weeks.



Arbor Day Proclamation

WHEREAS: Trees and forest soils keep our lakes and streams clean by absorbing and filtering pollutants and sediments; and

WHEREAS: Forest soils prevent flooding and reduce storm water by capturing and storing rainwater and snowmelt, which is then slowly released to our lakes, streams, and groundwater; and

WHEREAS: Careful management of our forests is one of the best ways to protect drinking water and reduce the cost of water treatment; and

WHEREAS: Sound management of forested public lands surrounding the Mississippi River ensures clean drinking water for more than one million Minnesotans; and

WHEREAS: About three-quarters of Minnesotans get their drinking water from the forested parts of the state; and

WHEREAS: Planting trees is a natural and easy way to keep our water clean; and

WHEREAS: The last Friday in April, and throughout the month of May, Minnesotans pay special tribute to our trees as natural resources and rededicate ourselves to the vitality of our forests.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Poellinger, Mayor of the City of La Crescent, Minnesota, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2021 as

Arbor Day

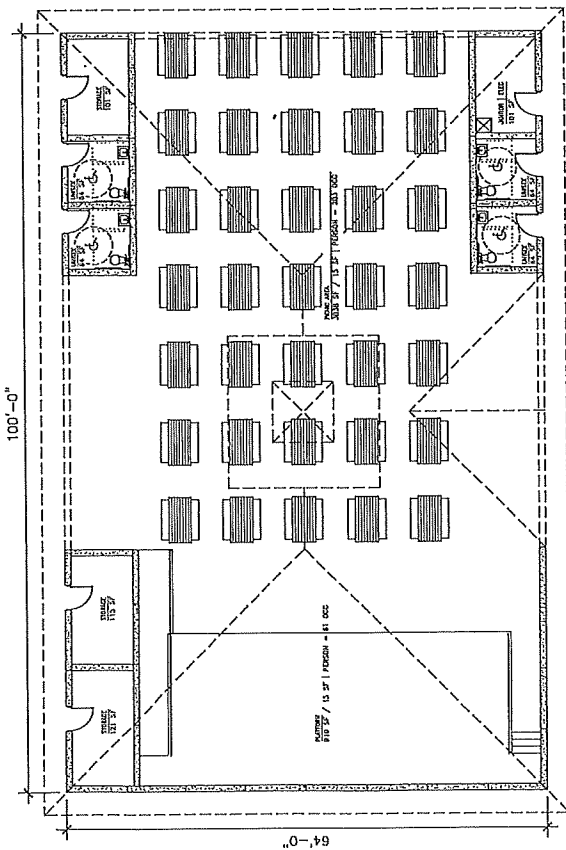
In the city of La Crescent, I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

Further, I urge all citizens to plant and care for trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

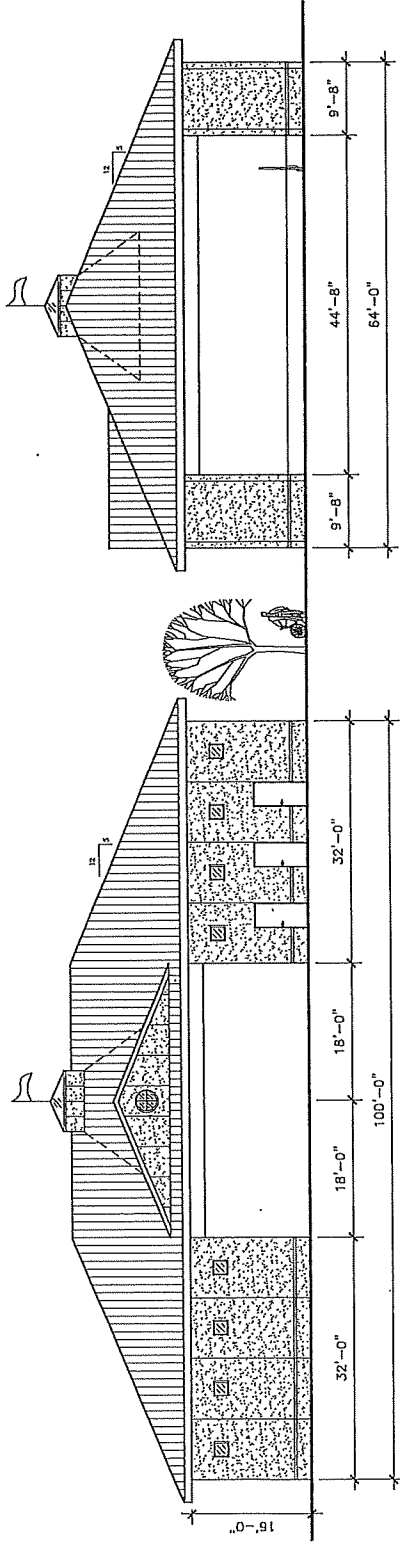
Dated this 8th day of March in the year 2021.

Mayor _____

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1 FLOOR PLAN
1/16" = 1'-0"



3 WEST ELEVATION
1/16" = 1'-0"

2 NORTH ELEVATION
1/16" = 1'-0"