

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
Park and Recreation Commission Members
FROM: Bill Waller, City Administrator
DATE: March 21, 2023
RE: Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2023

The La Crescent Park and Recreation Commission met at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, March 20, 2023, in the City Council Chambers at the La Crescent City Hall. The following members were present: Jon Steffes, Paul McLellan, Maseray Bangura, Patti Martell, and Marge Loch-Wouters. Commission members Diana Adamski and Sarah Wetterlin were not in attendance. Also in attendance were Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner, Chris Fortsch, Betsy Knowles, and Bill Waller.

1. It was the consensus of the Commission to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2022 Park and Recreation Commission meeting as presented.
2. The Commission was informed that the City Council held a public hearing on October 24, 2022 and adopted the Comprehensive Park & Recreation Plan as presented.
3. The Commission was updated on the Wieser Park Improvement Project, including the construction of the new park pavilion, and the preliminary engineering report regarding costs for park improvements. Discussion followed regarding the rental fee for the new park pavilion and a reservation form and policy that was distributed at the meeting. It was agreed that these items would be included on the agenda for the April Park & Recreation Commission meeting.
4. The Commission reviewed and discussed trail maintenance guidelines, a draft of a new City ordinance for Parks, Playgrounds and Public Grounds, and the 2023 work plan for the Natural Resource Advisory Group. It was agreed that these items would be added to the agenda for the April Park & Recreation Commission meeting for further review and discussion.
5. The Commission reviewed a preliminary engineering report regarding the paving of the parking lot at Old Hickory Park and a new parking lot off South 7th Street. It was agreed that the Commission would be presented information on the Eagle Scout project to construct a dog park adjacent to South 7th Street at the April Park & Recreation Commission meeting.
6. Information was presented regarding the Wagon Wheel Trail Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge being recognized as a Grand Award winner (first place) in the 2023 ACEC/MN Engineering Excellence Award Competition.
7. The Commission reviewed a proposal from MSA to complete an ADA access audit and transition plan for the City's park and recreation facilities. It was agreed that this item would be on the agenda for the April Park & Recreation Commission meeting, and that a representative from MSA would be in attendance via zoom to review the proposal and answer questions.

8. It was agreed that the next Park & Recreation Commission meeting would be April 17, 2023.
9. There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:55 pm.