

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
Park and Recreation Commission Members
FROM: Bill Waller, City Administrator
DATE: April 15, 2021
RE: Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2021

The La Crescent Park and Recreation Commission met at 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, April 13, 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, Eileen Krenz, Mike Limberg, and Randy Dobbs. Also in attendance in person were Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner, Chris Fortsch, and Bill Waller.

1. It was the consensus of the Commission to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2021 Park and Recreation Commission meeting as presented.
2. Jon Steffes reviewed with the Commission programming for the 2021 summer recreation season. Discussion followed, and included a review of the current Minnesota Department of Health requirements for public pools and organized sports. It was the consensus of the Park & Recreation Commission that the recreation programming offered in 2021 would return to the level of service provided in 2019. Regarding the level of service at the Aquatic Center in 2021, a reduced fee structure without memberships, capacity restrictions, and the requirement that access to the facility be limited to residents that live in or attend the La Crescent-Hokah School District would be observed in 2021, consistent with the manner in which the Aquatic Center was operated in 2020.
3. Jason Ludwigson, the City's Sustainability Coordinator, was in attendance at the meeting and reviewed with the Commission on-going work to secure easements to allow for the development of trails that are identified in the City's Blufflands Plan. Nikki Dockendorff and Dani Haag addressed the Commission about the proposed trail extension on the perimeter of the Apple Blossom Pointe development.
4. It was the consensus of the Commission to review a proposal to update the City's Comprehensive Park & Recreation Plan and incorporate the development of a formal plan to address maintenance and permitted uses in the City's natural spaces as part of that process. This would include a zoom presentation with the consultant at the May Park & Recreation Commission meeting on the outline and scope of work for the project.
5. The Commission continued discussion about in the future closing trails in certain parks during the spring thaw as a way to mitigate damage to the trails.
6. The Commission was provided a brief update on the third phase of the Wagon Wheel improvement project.

7. Items to be added to the agenda for the May Park & Recreation Commission meeting include a review of alternatives for pickleball courts and a review of Wieser Park.
8. It was agreed that the next meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission would be Tuesday, May 18, 2021, at 5:30 pm., at City Hall.
9. There being nothing further to discuss the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:10 pm.