TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members Park and Recreation Commission Members

FROM: Bill Waller, City Administrator

DATE: May 1, 2018 RE: Meeting Minutes April 30, 2018

The La Crescent Park and Recreation Commission met at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, April 30, 2018, in the City Council Chambers at the La Crescent City Hall. The following members were present: Jon Steffes, Diana Adamski, Eileen Krenz, Reid Smith, and Sarah Wetterlin. Commission members Randy Dobbs and Mike Limberg were not in attendance. Also in attendance was Bill Waller.

- It was the consensus of the Commission to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2018 Park and Recreation Commission meeting as presented.
- 2. Katie Keefe and Joy Rockwell were in attendance at the meeting to update the Commission on the development of a new City dog park. Discussion followed regarding potential locations in the community for a dog park, and the Community Impact Grant application that was submitted to the La Crescent Community Foundation. The Commission was updated on the Facebook page that has been created for the dog park project. It was the consensus of the Commission to continue to work on the development of a dog park.
- 3. It was the consensus of the Commission that the next Park and Recreation Commission meeting will be held on Monday, May 21, 2018 at 5:30 pm.
- 4. Trevor Rockwell was in attendance at the meeting to discuss his interest in establishing single track development for bikes in City parks. It was the consensus of the Commission to work on developing a plan for single track bike paths in certain city park areas.
- 5. The Commission reviewed the updated site plans for Veterans Park and the proposed hotel/event center project. The Commission discussed and is suggesting that a sidewalk connection be made from the hotel/event center project that connects to downtown La Crescent. The Commission also discussed converting the skate park site to pickle ball courts, and the need to construct a new park shelter in the future.
- 6. The Commission was updated on the status of the Wagon Wheel trail improvement project and the canoe/kayak access at Blue Lake.
- 7. The Commission was informed that the City's Tree City USA application was approved, and the 2018 Arbor Day tree planting activity was reviewed.
- 8. The Commission reviewed the Horse Track Meadows preliminary plat, and the proposed sites of the solar structures for the Solar Rewards Program. The

- Commission is suggesting that the solar structures be located in a way that they do not impact City park areas.
- 9. Reid Smith reviewed with the commission a preliminary plan to install solar thermal at the City's swimming pool. It was the consensus of the Commission to proceed with finalizing a plan for this proposed improvement.
- 10. The Commission was updated on the status of the Crescent Valley Park improvement project, and discussed various pollinator projects within the City.
- 11. The Commission discussed identifying a location to construct sand volleyball courts. It was the consensus of the Commission to prepare alternatives for the Commission to review at the next Park and Recreation Commission meeting.
- 12. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m.