

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
Park and Recreation Commission Members
FROM: Bill Waller, City Administrator
DATE: May 13, 2020
RE: Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2020

The La Crescent Park and Recreation Commission met at 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, May 12, 2020, 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. The following members were present in person: Jon Steffes, Paul McLellan, Sarah Wetterlin, Randy Dobbs, and Mike Limberg. The following Commission members were in attendance by telephone: Diana Adamski and Eileen Krenz. Also in attendance in person were Ryan Niedfeldt, Chris Fortsch, and Bill Waller. Also in attendance by telephone was Beth Theede.

1. It was the consensus of the Commission to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2020 Park and Recreation Commission meeting as presented.
2. Ryan Niedfeldt representing Lancer Youth Baseball/Softball was in attendance at the meeting to review LYB's request to make improvements to the ball field at Veterans Park. The improvements include upgrades to the fences along the 1st and 3rd base lines, along with the construction of new dugouts. There would be no cost to the City for the improvements, as LYB would be responsible for all of the costs. It was the consensus of the Commission to recommend approval of LYB's request to upgrade the ball field at Veterans Park.
3. In light of the current COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission discussed the opening of the aquatic center and the programs that are offered through the Park and Recreation department. It was agreed that the rec sign-up day that had been moved from April 25 to May 16, would be delayed until such time that a definitive decision could be made on the 2020 Park & Recreation season. Further, it was agreed that until such time that definitive direction is provided by the State, that no local decisions could be finalized regarding the aquatic center and summer recreation programming.
4. The Commission was provided a brief update on the status of the following projects: the installation of the playground equipment at Veterans Park, the alternatives for the bicycle/pedestrian bridge that is the third phase of the Wagon Wheel project, the replacement of the bleachers at Veteran's Park, the installation of the helicopter at Veterans Park, and that the Arbor Day tree planting project and the Bird City formal recognition event were both cancelled.
5. It was agreed that the May 12, 2020 Park and Recreation Commission meeting be continued until Tuesday, May 19, 2020, at 5:30 pm., at City Hall to review the next Governor's Executive Order and the impact on the aquatic center and summer recreation programming.

