

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members  
Park and Recreation Commission Members  
FROM: Bill Waller, City Administrator  
DATE: May 19, 2023  
RE: Meeting Minutes  
May 15, 2023

The La Crescent Park and Recreation Commission met at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, May 15, 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, Marge Loch-Wouters, Diana Adamski, and Sarah Wetterlin. 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 April 17, 2023 Park and Recreation Commission meeting as presented.
2. Ron Wilke, Dean Bergstrom, and Dave Ebner representing the Outdoor Performance Venue were in attendance at the meeting and made a presentation to the Park & Recreation Commission about the Outdoor Performance Venue Project. Information was presented regarding the 2023 Summer Concert Series/La Crescent Live.
3. Sign-up for the 2023 summer recreation program was reviewed, and discussion followed regarding changing to on line sign-up for summer recreation programs. It was agreed that information would be brought back to the next Park & Recreation Commission about the cost of computer software to convert to an on line sign-up system.
4. The Commission was updated on the Wieser Park Improvement Project, including the construction of the new park pavilion and the new parking lot and associated storm water improvements. Discussion followed regarding the rental fee for the new park pavilion and a reservation form. It was agreed that staff would revise the draft reservation form and include it on the agenda for the next Park & Recreation Commission meeting.
5. The Commission was informed that the City Council approved the proposal from MSA to complete an ADA access audit and transition plan for City park and recreation facilities.
6. The Commission was updated on improvements to the ball fields at Abnet Park, and on the volunteer days to pull garlic mustard at Vetsch Park.
7. The Ice System Evaluation Study regarding future improvements at the Community Ice Arena was reviewed, and the proclamation for National Bike Month was also reviewed.
8. It was agreed that the next Park & Recreation Commission meeting would be July 17, 2023.
9. There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:40 pm.

