

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
Park and Recreation Commission Members
FROM: Bill Waller, City Administrator
DATE: May 22, 2018
RE: Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2018

The La Crescent Park and Recreation Commission met at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, May 21, 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, Sarah Wetterlin, Randy Dobbs and Mike Limberg. Also in attendance was Bill Waller.

1. It was the consensus of the Commission to approve the minutes of the April 30, 2018 Park and Recreation Commission meeting as presented.
2. A brief update on the dog park was provided regarding the Community Impact Grant application that was submitted to the La Crescent Community Foundation.
3. Trevor Rockwell was in attendance at the meeting to continue discussion regarding his interest in establishing single track development for bikes in City parks. It was the consensus of the Commission to provide mapping for park areas and begin developing conceptual plans for proposed improvements.
4. Jon Steffes reviewed the upcoming 2018 summer recreation season. Discussion followed regarding potential items for the 2019 general fund budget.
5. The Commission was updated on the status of the Wagon Wheel improvement project, the Veteran's Park improvement project, the canoe/kayak access at Blue Lake, the Xcel Energy solar rewards program, the solar thermal project at the swimming pool, and the Crescent Valley Park improvement project.
6. The Commission reviewed information regarding Bird City USA designation. It was the consensus of the Commission that this should be completed in 2018/2019, and that the Park and Recreation Commission be designated as the Natural Resource Advisory Group.
7. The Commission reviewed alternatives for new sand volleyball courts at Abnet Field and Old Hickory Park. Discussion followed regarding the two proposed sites, whether the outfield fences at one or both of the fields at Abnet Field could be removed, and working to accommodate Lizfest. It was the consensus of the Commission to review the alternatives, and add this item to the agenda for the next Park and Recreation Commission meeting.
8. The Commission reviewed a plan regarding converting the concrete slab at Veterans Park from a skate park to pickle ball courts. It was the consensus to budget for this improvement in 2019.

9. It was the consensus of the Commission to include funds in the 2019 general fund budget for replacement of the playground equipment at Veterans Park, and that a plan should be developed for a new shelter at Veterans Park.
10. It was agreed that the next Park and Recreation Commission meeting will be held on July 23, 2018.
11. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:55 p.m.