

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
Park and Recreation Commission Members
FROM: Bill Waller, City Administrator
DATE: July 19, 2023
RE: Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2023

The La Crescent Park and Recreation Commission met at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, July 17, 2023, in the Wieser Park Pavilion at Wieser Park. The following members were present: Jon Steffes, Paul McLellan, Maseray Bangura, Patti Martell, Marge Loch-Wouters, and Diana Adamski. Commission member Sarah Wetterlin was not in attendance. Also in attendance were Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner, Chris Fortsch, and Bill Waller.

1. It was the consensus of the Commission to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2023 Park and Recreation Commission meeting as presented.
2. The Commission reviewed the Wieser Park Improvement Project, including the new pavilion, the new pickle ball courts, and the new parking lot and corresponding stormwater improvements.
3. The Commission reviewed the proposed rental fees for the new park pavilion and a reservation form. It was the consensus of the Commission to recommend that the City Council adopt the proposed rental fees for the Wieser Park Pavilion.
4. The Commission reviewed the updated draft of a City ordinance for Parks, Playgrounds, and Public Grounds. It was agreed that the proposed ordinance would be revised to address cannabis, vaping, and smoking at City parks, and that a revised draft ordinance will be presented at the next Commission meeting.
5. It was the consensus of the Commission that the 2024 general fund budget include \$14,000 for the estimated cost of software to provide on-line activity registration, facility scheduling, and membership management.
6. The Commission was updated on the project to install Wi-Fi at Abnet Field, Old Hickory Park and Wieser Park, and the installation of cameras at the Aquatic Center and the Wieser Park Pavilion.
7. The Commission reviewed the trail maintenance meeting notes and the meeting minutes from the May 9, 2023 Natural Resource Advisory Group meeting.
8. It was the consensus of the Commission to proceed with the addition of a minor trail extension at Eagles Bluff Park as part of the map the experience project. It was suggested that the old Boy Scout Trail at Eagles Bluff Park be eliminated due to the steepness of the trail and on-going erosion. This item will be included on the agenda for the September Commission meeting.
9. An update was provided at the meeting on both the dog park and the Blue Lake canoe/kayak dock projects.
10. It was agreed that the next Park & Recreation Commission meeting would be September 20, 2023 and October 30, 2023.
11. There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:02 pm.

