

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members  
Park and Recreation Commission Members  
FROM: Bill Waller, City Administrator  
DATE: July 21, 2021  
RE: Meeting Minutes  
July 20, 2021

The La Crescent Park and Recreation Commission met at 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, in the City Council Chambers at the La Crescent City Hall. The following members were present: Jon Steffes, Paul McLellan, Sarah Wetterlin, Diana Adamski, and Randy Dobbs. Commission member Eileen Krenz was not in attendance. Also in attendance were Chris Fortsch and Bill Waller.

1. It was the consensus of the Commission to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2021 Park and Recreation Commission meeting as presented.
2. The Commission was informed that the Peacetime Emergency ended in early July, and that Commission members would no longer have the option to attend meetings via telephone or zoom.
3. Jon Steffes provided an update on the 2021 operation of the aquatic center and summer recreation programming.
4. Jon Steffes reviewed a comparison of rates charged at area swimming pools. It was the consensus of the Commission that the City's rates are in line with other facilities, and that there be no changes made to the 2022 fee schedule.
5. Jon Steffes reviewed with the Commission items to be included in the 2022 budget. These include the replacement of the fabric on the umbrellas and a new water heater for the aquatic center.
6. The Commission had a brief discussion on splash pads, and agreed that this is an item that should be considered as part of the process of updating the City's Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan.
7. The Commission was informed that the proposal from MSA to update the City's Comprehensive Park & Recreation Plan will be presented at the July 26, 2021 City Council meeting. It was agreed that Commission members would begin to develop a list of items that should be considered as part of the process of updating the City's Comprehensive Park & Recreation Plan.
8. The Commission had discussion about the request to install lights at the sand volleyball courts at Old Hickory Park, the recent news story and the establishment of a go-fund me page related to the project. It was the consensus of the Commission that a letter would be drafted and presented to the Commission for their review at the August meeting informing the organizers that the project has not been approved by the City, and that there is no guarantee

that the lights will be installed at the park even if the organizers are successful with their fund-raising activities.

9. Commission member Paul McLellan discussed the maintenance of trails in City parks, and agreed to coordinate with Jed Olson the Executive Director of ORA to attend the August Park & Recreation Commission meeting to discuss trail maintenance alternatives with the City of La Crescent.
10. It was agreed that the next meeting of the Park & Recreation Commission would be Tuesday, August 24, 2021, at 5:30 pm., at City Hall.
11. There being nothing further to discuss the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:32 pm.