TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members Park and Recreation Commission Members

FROM: Bill Waller, City Administrator

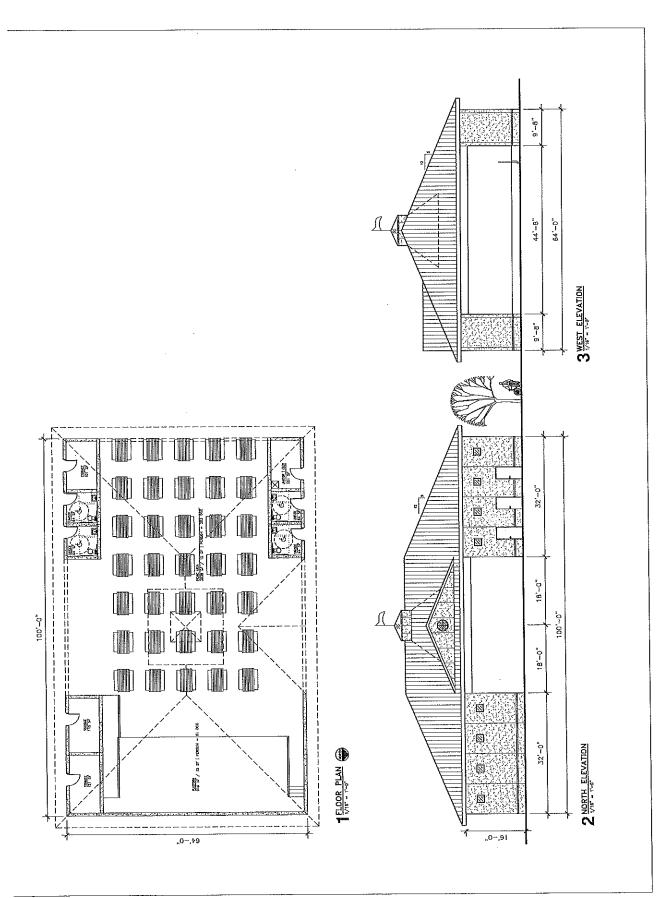
DATE: September 17, 2019

RE: Meeting Minutes September 16, 2019

The La Crescent Park and Recreation Commission met at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, September 16, 2019, in the City Council Chambers at the La Crescent City Hall. The following members were present: Jon Steffes, Eileen Krenz, Sarah Wetterlin, and Diana Adamski. Commission members Randy Dobbs and Mike Limberg were not in attendance. Also in attendance were Cherryl Jostad, Diana Morrison, Jeff Henthorne and Bill Waller.

- 1. It was the consensus of the Commission to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2019 Park and Recreation Commission meeting as presented.
- 2. Jon Steffes reviewed the 2019 Park & Recreation season, and discussed briefly the upcoming 2020 season.
- 3. The Commission was updated on the plan to replace the playground equipment at Veteran's Park. The Commission was informed that the La Crescent Rotary Club and the La Crescent Lion's Club have approved financial contributions to the project, and along with the La Crescent Chamber of Commerce have agreed to assist with the installation of the equipment. The Commission was informed that two grant applications were submitted to offset a portion of the cost of the new playground equipment, and that the City will need to delay purchase of the equipment until after the grant awards are announced. This will delay the installation of the playground equipment until the spring of 2020.
- 4. The Commission discussed wedding requests that the City has received at Veteran's Park in conjunction with the La Crescent Event Center, and that the City will be developing a policy to address these requests in the future.
- 5. Dick Wieser was in attendance at the meeting to review a preliminary plan for a proposed shelter that would be constructed in a yet to be determined location in Veterans Park. Discussion followed, and it was agreed that this item would be added to the agenda for the next Park & Recreation Commission meeting. A copy of the site plan for the proposed structure is attached to these minutes.
- 6. The Commission discussed the addition of pickleball courts to the City's park system. It was agreed that this item would be added to the next Park & Recreation Commission meeting, and that in advance of the meeting the USTA grant application for the tennis courts at Frank J. Kistler Memorial Park would be reviewed, and that consideration would be given to other locations in the community for pickleball courts, including possibly a joint project with the School District.

- 7. The Commission was updated on the status of the proposed dog park, the new sand volleyball courts at Old Hickory Park, the stages off the Wagon Wheel project, the replacement of the bleachers at Abnet Field and Veteran's Park, added park signage to new City park facilities, the solar project at Vetsch Park, the helicopter at Veterans Park, and that the City's Bird City application has been approved.
- 8. The Commission requested that disc golf and an all trails application be added to the agenda for the next Park & Recreation Commission meeting.
- 9. It was agreed that the next Park and Recreation Commission meeting will be held on Monday, November 18, 2019, at 5:30 pm.
- 10. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:46 p.m.



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