

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

The La Crescent Park and Recreation Commission met at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, September 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, Randy Dobbs, Eileen Krenz and Linda Gasper. Also in attendance were Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner, Chris Fortsch and Bill Waller.

1. Brief introductions were held.
2. It was the consensus of the Commission to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2021 Park and Recreation Commission meeting as presented. It was noted that the addition of a backboard to hit tennis balls at should be added to the list of items considered as part of the update to the City's Comprehensive Park & Recreation Plan.
3. Becky Binz and Dan Schmitt from MSA were in attendance at the meeting to kickoff the start of the process to update the City's Comprehensive Park & Recreation Plan. This included a review of the project scope and schedule, a review of the draft on-line survey, a review of recommendations from the City's 2012 Comprehensive Park & Recreation Plan, and a review of the park assessment form.
4. Due to a scheduling conflict, it was agreed that the date of the public walking tour would be moved to Saturday, October 9, 2021, with a rain date of Sunday, October 10, 2021. A formal schedule for the public walking tour will be finalized and distributed.
5. It was agreed that the first public open house would be held on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at the Fire Station in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week. If this is not an option, it was agreed that the Farmer's Market would be another option for the first public open house.
6. Discussion continued regarding the needs and wants related to the City's park system.
7. It was agreed that the next meeting of the Park & Recreation Commission would be Monday, November 15, 2021, at 5:30 pm., at City Hall.
8. The Commission was presented with the bid results for the bicycle/pedestrian bridge to be constructed as the third phase of the Wagon Wheel Improvement project.

9. The Commission considered a request from Lancer Youth Baseball for additional improvements at the ballfield at Veterans Park. It was the consensus of the Commission to request additional information, and that this item would be discussed again at the November Park & Recreation Commission meeting.
10. There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:18 pm.