



Lake, Parks, & Recreation Committee
Thursday, September 28, 2023
5:30 pm

MINUTES

1. Call to Order, Roll Call: Chairman Elizabeth Manian called the meeting to order at 6:26 pm. Members present included Eric Stowell, Jeff Schultz, and Elizabeth Manian.

Let it be known there was a quorum of the village board as Mike San Felippo and Duane Urbanski were present.

2. Discussion and Possible Recommendation to the Finance Committee related to the 2024 budget

Members projected amounts needed and were filed in on the list of Account Descriptions to prepare for the Finance Committee meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 4, 2023.

3. Discussion and Possible Recommendation to the Village Board related to Chapter 26, Parks and Recreation Code of Ordinance.

Addition to the ordinance included no animals shall be permitted within the boat launch area water, due to safety reasons.

Member Stowell made a motion to approve the changes, motion was seconded by Member Schultz. Motion carried 3-0.

4. Adjourned at 7:00 pm

Items on the Agenda may be taken out of order as listed. Created by Elizabeth Manian on 10/26/2023.

WI Open Meeting Law (Wis. Stat. 19.83(2) and 19.84(2)) In general, the open meetings law grants citizens the right to attend and observe open session meetings of governmental bodies but does not require a governmental body to allow members of the public to speak or actively participate in the body's meeting. A governmental body is free to determine for itself whether and to what extent it will allow citizen participation at its meetings.

February 26, 2024, meeting with R.L. Village Parks and Rec Committee

Propose converting 13 acres provided by Scholler Development into a village “nature conservancy” with walking paths and small foot bridges.

Recommendations or Ideas:

1. Propose requesting use of, purchase or possible donation of land encompassing existing trail used by the snowmobile club. Obtaining rights to this trail would allow for a trail connected to Bob McDermott park accessing easy parking and an extension of the walking paths already in the park. The parcels are North and Northwest of the 13 Acre parcel. The existing trail crosses creek (unnamed?) from Spring Lake to Random Lake (If no name on creek why not give it a name? Spring Creek?). The existing bridge may be adequate for snowmobiles in its current state but would need to be upgraded to be used for public foot traffic. Possible partnership opportunity with the snowmobile club to upgrade bridge?

Two adjoining land ownerships are:

- a. Vogler Properties LLC
 - b. A J Developments of WI LLC
2. Existing trails exist in the wooded portion of the 13 acres. It would take very little resources to brush and establish walkable trails. There may be a need or want to provide boardwalk type paths in some wetter areas of the parcel. Chipped wood or gravel in locations?
 3. An existing location to provide a bench near the creek was noted. At this time there is an old culvert in creek approximately 36” that needs to be removed or replaced. It’s in an easy walking portion of the woods and would offer a tranquil place to sit and enjoy the woods. May be an opportunity for a donated bench?
 4. Wrap trail around the North, East and Southside of the retention ponds. Location for another bench on dike area of pond. Possible donation.
 5. Could plant a mixture of trees (evergreen and deciduous varieties some may be more wetland specific) around ponds for future wooded habitat. Trees in the open areas of the parcel would be a benefit to the wildlife along with the aesthetics of the subdivision. Get the RL Garden club involved, placard native species of plants, trees and shrubs?
 6. Keep the native grasses and have very little to mow or manicure.
 7. Provide map kiosk with dog waste station.
 8. Get community involved in development, maintenance, cleanup, adopt-a-trail (like adopt a highway)?
 - a. School outdoor clubs?
 - b. Eagle Scout? Boy Scouts? Girl Scouts?
 - c. Snowmobile
 - d. Lions Club
 - e. Rod and Gun Club
 - f. RL Lake Assoc.
 - g. Garden Club
 9. Pedestrian crosswalk from Park across Hickory Drive.
 10. Walking Trails and green spaces will increase the livability rating of Random Lake

11. GPS all existing trails and flag new trails for establishment while leaves are not on the trees.
12. Other discussion topics as needed or mentioned.
13. Map below provides approximate locations of observances. More existing trails are in this area but need to be GPS'd for better definition.
 - a. Orange is existing trails
 - b. Purple is existing trail on adjoining land ownership, currently snowmobile trail

