



Lake, Parks, & Recreation Committee
Monday, February 26, 2024
4:30 pm

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order, Roll Call:** Chairman Elizabeth Manian called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm. Members present included Eric Stowell, Jeff Schultz, and Elizabeth Manian. Village staff present included Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Waala.

Let it be known there was a quorum of the village board as Duane Urbanski was present.

2. **Discussion and Possible Action on the approval of September 28, 2023, meeting minutes.**

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

3. **Discussion and Possible Recommendation to the Village Board related to development of 13-acre park on Orth Dr.**

Chairman Manian informed the committee in their packets was a presentation presented by Warren Dutter.

Mr. Dutter informed the committee that there is no woodland in the area and has been walking the existing trails. Additional work in the area can be done to clear the area out more for better walking. Chairman Manian informed the committee she liked the idea of a trail kiosk. Member Stowell asked for clarification on the submitted map if the orange line was the trail. Mr. Dutter informed the committee that yes, the orange line is the most used trail and there are more trails, but they are muddy.

Chairman Manian informed the committee that a potential donation of land from the snowmobile club can be requested for additional land trails as well as the mulch from the village is not good this year. Mr. Dutter inquired as to with trimming trees to widen trails, could those be used to create wood chips.

Mr. Dutter informed the board that gravel can be put down to make the trail ADA accessible, donations can be sought to pay those costs. Member Schultz informed the committee that there are grants available for parks. Duane Urbanski suggested that a potential safe walkway be installed for kids going to school from the new subdivision.

Chairman Manian inquired as to item 8 and if any of these have been contacted already. Mr. Dutter informed the board that he has contacted the eagle scouts, boy scouts, and lions club. The clubs on the list were suggested because they are more nature oriented. The garden club can put out signs stating flowers and plants.

Blaine Werner inquired as to if lighting was suggested. Mr. Dutter informed the committee that it can be added.

Mr. Dutter informed the committee that the trails should be low maintenance for the village to maintain, as well as potentially do an adopt a trail.

Member Stowell informed the committee that the presentation is good, but it would be better to walk the site. Potentially next time posting it to meet at the location.

Member Stowell informed the committee that he can talk to his brother who is with the snowmobile club to see what is needed to get approval for trails. Chairman Manian informed the committee that she can meet with the garden club and the school. Mr. Dutter informed the committee that he can meet with the lions' club, eagle scouts, and boy scouts.

Mr. Dutter informed the committee that this trail would add to the livability of the village for new residents. Member Stowell informed the committee that a dog park has been proposed and they could potentially put dog stations throughout the trails.

The next meeting is to be scheduled for Thursday, March 7th at 2 pm and will be meeting at the bridge on Hickory Dr.

4. Adjourned at 5:07 pm.

Items on the Agenda may be taken out of order as listed. Created by Stephanie Waala on 02/28/2024.

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

