



**CITY OF DELAFIELD
MEETING MINUTES
PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION**

Chair: Mike Byrnes

Members: Pat Barwig, Dave Brabson, Dan Cahalane, Sherrie Flemming, Tim Turnock, Ald. Matt Grimmer

Monday, March 28, 2022

6:00 PM

City Hall, Council Chambers
500 Genesee St.

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Byrnes called the Park & Recreation Commission meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Mike Byrnes, Chair
Dave Brabson
Sherrie Flemming
Matt Grimmer, Ald.
Tim Turnock
Pat Barwig – arrived at 6:27 p.m.

Commissioners Absent: Dan Cahalane

Also present: Mary Green, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

5. Approve minutes of [February 28, 2022](#)

Motion by Brabson seconded by Grimmer to approve the Park and Recreation Commission meeting minutes of February 28, 2022 as presented. All were in favor. Motion carried.

6. Citizen's Comments

Mary Daniel, 309 Wisconsin Avenue – She reminded everyone of the first volunteer day for Pluggin on the Bark on Saturday, April 23, 2022 at 7:00 a.m. They will begin at the bridge near the post office. She was contacted by the Chairperson of the Ice Age Alliance and will be meeting with them to discuss how they can be involved. The next volunteer dates are June 11th, July 23rd, September 24th and possibly November 5th starting at 7:00 a.m. at the post office bridge.

7. Unfinished Business

Discussion and possible action on the following items:

- A. Cost estimate for design and ADA compliance review for VMR Boardwalk (Turnock)
- Byrnes recapped the project. Turnock had an engineer look at the site and he believes the current design is within ADA compliance. City Administrator Hafner wants the city engineer to approve the plan.

Motion by Byrnes seconded by Turnock to request that City Engineer Mike Court approves the design of the boardwalk or makes suggestions to make it safety and ADA compliant. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Preliminary St. John's review (Grimmer)

Grimmer reported there has been no action on the Plan Commission and possibly will not be until May, June or after. He has been holding informational meetings and going door to door to get input from residents. The general consensus is maintaining Cushing Park and maintaining the opportunity to develop a path along the Bark River. This would prohibit a road from the St. John's golf course to Cushing Park Road. There are not any plans from the developer at this time. They are currently only working on the zoning and land use. There was discussion about the potential zoning requirements for parks. If it is a densely populated area, they may want a dedicated park area.

There is not a focus group assigned to this. This is in the hands of the Plan Commission and input from the public. At this time the football and baseball fields will remain. There has been discussion about it being single family homes or condos. Hendricks does not typically develop residential. Flemming mentioned most of the new developments are priced too high. Grimmer explained that lower value homes do not always pay for city services. It is currently zoned as one unit per acre. It could yield 75-80 single-family homes with an average of 2.2 children per home. There was additional discussion about requiring dedicated park space for the additional people. Alternatively, if the development is condos, typically people in condos do not have children. Byrnes thought there could possibly be a three-way compromise with St. John's, the developer and the city to refurbish the tennis courts that are currently on the property.

Grimmer summarized that the main points are preserving accessibility along the Bark River, preserving Cushing Park, dedicated space for recreational purposes based on density and a potential shared opportunity between the city, the developer and St. John's for shared services such as a tennis or pickleball court.

8. New Business

Discussion and possible action on the following items:

A. Schedule Park Walk

The Park Walk is scheduled for June 4th at 9:00 a.m. starting at the Liberty Park Bridge.

B. Free Fishing Day for Kids – May 21st (Brabson)

The Free Fishing Day for Kids will be on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at the Fish Hatchery Pond. As of today, there are 35 kids signed up. Brabson will get the fish stocking permit from the DNR. He mentioned this event may go over budget this year. Brabson has a brochure that he will get on the city website and Facebook page. He will also post it at the Library and YMCA. Flemming will help to get it posted at the schools.

C. Lake Nagawicka access

Turnock will get a quote from Laue's Landscaping to see what can be done to help with the access issues at St. John's Park. He would like to add sand. Flemming mentioned that they should look at this area during the Park Walk.

D. Plan Commission Update (Cahalane)

Grimmer reported that the Spheeris development was approved with 29 homes on 31 acres. Part of the bike trail will be 10 feet wide and part will be 8 feet wide. There will be some development near the cemetery that will be discussed this Wednesday at the Plan Commission.

E. Deer management update (Turnock)

Only about 15 deer have been harvested this year with our nuisance tags. If someone uses their own personal tag, they do not have to report to the Deer Management Committee. They had to pull their best stands because they were too close to schools. They need to get more creative with the location for stands including on private property. Even if the school board approves usage on weekends, they will have to check with the state if it is allowed. Flemming asked about shutting down an area on a Saturday for a cull.

8. Discussion and review of the condition of parks and trails

Parks and Trails in the City of Delafield						
Byrnes	Turnock	Barwig	Brabson	Flemming	Cahalane	Grimmer
Lake Country Recreation Trail	Bostrom Park	Cushing Memorial Park	Lois Jensen Nature Preserve	Fish Hatchery	Oakwood Park	Liberty Park
Ice Age Trail	VMR Trail	St. John's/Genesee Park	Fireman's Park	Fish Hatchery Sports Complex	Bleeker Street Boat Launch	
Bostrom Park	Paul Sandgren Recreation Trail			Cedar Valley Park	Oak Street Park	
	Cushing Memorial Park					

Brabson – Lois Jensen just finished their busy time of the year. He does not have a date for the construction on the basketball court at Fireman's Park.

Flemming – The ice rink had more usage than previous years because it was moved to the Fish Hatchery Sports Complex. There was also less vandalism this year. The location also saved the Public Works employees a lot of time.

Grimmer – Hendricks 710 Genesee project will be utilizing the municipal parking lot for staging. The farmer's market will be displaced to the Fish Hatchery Sports Complex parking lot.

9. Requests for Future Agenda Items

Note: No discussion on requested items

- A. Free Fishing Day for Kids
- B. St. John's Development
- C. Park Walk
- D. Stage at Liberty Park timeline
- E. The cleared area surrounding the proposed VMR viewing platform

10. Correspondence

- A. 2021 Mammoth Hike Challenge results

We had one of the highest number of visitors and a 20% increase in dollars. This is the second year Delafield has been the highest.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 P.M.

Minutes prepared by: Mary Green, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

Minutes approved on: April 25, 2022