

PARK COMMISSION MINUTES

AUGUST 7, 2024

Meeting called to order 9:38am

Commission members in attendance: Fred Belay, Jennifer Meyer, Kathy Alf, Tom Roach, Barb Kleist, Dean Kallenbach and Tony Bischel

Adopt agenda; motion made by Kathy/sec Jennifer and passed

Approval of July 3, 2024 minutes; motion made by Dean/sec Tom and passed

Financial Report

Total expenses paid in July \$ 850.12 Total year to date \$ 13,260.50

Town of Union Treasurer Report dated July 9, 2024 shows Visit EC Dest. & Dev. Balance \$ 21,298.83 which needs to be adjusted by + \$ 3,123.53 from 3/12/24 report, correcting balance to \$ 24,422.36

Nicolet Park Checking shows balance \$ 2,080.45 which needs to be adjusted by + \$ 76.00; correcting balance to \$ 2,063.65 Jennifer will discuss \$ 8.00 withdrawal with Treasurer, possible new service charge. Motion to approve financial report made by Dean/sec Fred and passed

Work log hours to approve:

Fred 5 hours @ \$15 total \$ 75.00 filling holes at Conservancy and landscaping

Tom 5 hours @ \$15 total \$ 75.00 filling holes at Conservancy and landscaping

Jennifer 3 hours @ \$15 total \$ 45.00 mowing at Conservancy

Barb 2 hours @ \$15 total \$30.00 reviewing cameras at Conservancy

Tony 2 hours @ \$15 total \$ 30.00 Rural Partners Network Meeting

Invoices to approve:

Kwik Trip charge made 7/30/24 \$ 49.67 gas for mowing at Conservancy

Red Flint charges made 7/15/24 for \$ 16.58 and 7/22/24 for \$ 20.77 recycled base for Conservancy

Motion to approve work log and invoices made by Fred/sec Dean and passed

Parks Discussion

Sherman Creek Park

Dean and Fred updated the Commission on the progress with the Ayleen Bain Memorial. They continue to have communication with the group that is in charge of the memorial project. The price quoted by Super Sign Man is \$ 100 per sign. Barb will be joining Dean and Fred on the sub-committee.

Chippewa Valley Tree Care, LLC completed tree maintenance and invoice will be sent. Matt Staudenmaier stated most evident issues were taken care of and work was completed in 6.5 hours. He suggested clearing buckthorn along the trails this fall. Barb will reach out to Chippewa Valley Biodiversity to see if they are interested in the project.

Conservancy

Someone dumped a tire at the fire pit. After camera footage was reviewed the information was given to the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Department. They made contact with the person who dumped the tire.

Someone dumped a large quantity of pallets at the fire pit. Again the camera footage was reviewed. The individual was given a week to clean them up. They are cleaned up.

The Commission has contacted Blue Ox to do trail maintenance again this fall. It will be done prior to the fall event.

The Fall Event is scheduled for Saturday, October 19. Fred has the horse drawn wagon rides scheduled. Landmark will set up a table but will not do a hike. The food will be the same as last year; hot dogs, chips, cookies and water. Jennifer will contact the fire department to see if a drone demonstration is possible.

Eau Claire Outdoors held their fire building demonstration July 21, camera footage showed 10 people met in the pavilion. Their next event is a poetry hike on September 28.

Old Business

The Visit Eau Claire Survey will be completed August 23. The data will be analyzed in September and a report generated in October.

Tony reported on the Rural Partners Network – Outdoor Recreation Workgroup. A \$ 70,000 grant will be used to promote recreation activities in the eight county areas (website and branding). The end goal is to bring people to the area to spend money while in town.

New Business

The DNR Urban Forestry Grant was discussed. The option of conducting a survey at the Fall Event to determine future improvements to the Town of Union Parks was discussed.

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 4 @ 9:30am

Meeting Adjourned 11:45am motion made by Dean/sec Kathy and passed