

December 19, 2023

City of Washburn Parks Committee Meeting Minutes

5:30 PM

Washburn Public Library

Members Present:

Jen Maziasz, Angel Croll, Jeremy Oswald, Susan Hall,
Erika Lang

Municipal Personnel Present:

Tony Janisch, Asst. City Administrator, Gerry Schuette,
Director of Public Works

Absent:

none

Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting to order at 5:30 PM; five (5) of five (5) members are present; quorum is recognized.

Approval of Parks Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Hall to approve Park Committee minutes of November 15, 2023, seconded by Lang; Minutes approved unanimously.

Discussion & Action on Bike Park Development - Liz Grades, IMBA, presentation -

Presentation via ZOOM by Liz Grades project manager with IMBA along with IMBA planner Ryan Heid. PowerPoint presentation included: IMBA mission statement, relationship of IMBA with Trail Solutions (development section), and timeline of project thus far. Initially four sites were identified in Washburn, but only 2 led to fully developed concepts. Pros and cons for each site were listed. Parks committee asked questions of WOW (Washburn on Wheels) steering committee and IMBA. Topics included maintenance (City annual inspection/maintenance) materials appropriate for climate. Question posed: is the City of Washburn willing to allocate land for a bike park project? And if so, where?

Motion was made by Hall to open the floor for public comment, second by Oswald; motion approved unanimously. David Hollis, Avery Jenke, Michael Weispfenning, Courtney Rouch, Lisa Weispfenning, all spoke in support of the bike park noting personal benefits as well as to the City of Washburn, community and businesses. Motion by Hall to close the floor to public comment; second, by Croll. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion was made by Oswald that the Parks Committee supports the concept of a Bike Park and seeking confirmation from Council for support of the concept of a Bike Park, second by Hall; Motion approved unanimously.

Updates from Public Works Department & City Administration

Public Works Director Schuette provided the following updates:

- Artesian well drainage project complete at Thompson's West End Park.
- Trees were removed at Hillside Park in preparation for tennis court improvement project.

Asst. Administrator Janisch provided the following updates:

- Skate rink no open date due to weather, though two attendees have been hired.
- City Council recommended that the Plan Commission look at the vacating of Triton Avenue.
- Quarterly utility bills will include the solicitation by Friends of the West End Playground for fundraising.
- City Council approved converting the Eastside tennis courts into Pickleball courts.
- City Council approved amendment to Cooper Engineering contract due to change order on four-season bathroom.
- City Council discussed the campground expansion and delayed the bid to April.

Discussion & Update on Implementation and Updating the Lakeshore Parkway & Walking Trail Land Management Plan & WI Coastal Management Grant

- Subcommittee for updating the plan has not met.

Discussion & Action on Cable TV service at Campgrounds

Motion was made by Oswald to discontinue Cable TV at both campgrounds, second by Hall.
Motion approved unanimously.

Discussion of creating Park Designated Fund Budget

This item was tabled until the January 16, 2024 meeting.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM

Angel Croll

Secretary, Parks Committee