

November 15, 2023

City of Washburn Parks Committee Meeting Minutes

5:30 PM

Washburn Public Library

Members Present:

Jeremy Oswald, Susan Hall, Angel Croll, Jen Maziasz,
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 5:32 PM; five (5) of five (5) members are present; quorum is recognized.

Approval of Parks Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Oswald to approve Park Committee minutes of September 19, 2023, seconded by Hall; Minutes approved unanimously.

Discussion & Action on Eastside Tennis Court Improvements

Jeff Olsen, President, of Washburn Tennis & Pickleball Association, reached out to the City regarding improvements to the Eastside Tennis Courts. Current courts do not meet US tennis Association requirements. However, the area is large enough for four pickleball courts. The WTPA is seeking permission to source funding for improvements and would like to partner with the City. The estimated costs for conversion to pickleball courts is \$65,000. Private funding sources have already been identified. Motion made by Oswald to recommend that the Eastside Court Pickleball Improvements move forward to Council; second, by Hall. Motion approved unanimously.

Updates from Public Works Department & City Administration

Public Works Director Schuette provided the following updates:

- 2024 budget has been approved by City Council which includes many projects related to parks. Focus will also be on aesthetics. Gerry is seeking guidelines for improvements, ex signage.
- 2023 Projects remaining: Memorial Park men's bath tile; drainage at artisan well in Thompson West End Campground.

Asst. Administrator Janisch provided the following updates:

- MOU executed with Washburn School District for Ballfields.
- Provided campground occupancy statistics.

- Direct Legislation/Referendum was voted down by City Council. Discussion of potential contract for campground expansion is before April election.
- City Council at November meeting approved campground expansion and to go out to bid with alternatives.
- Discussion ensued regarding no landscaping included with expansion designs or bids.
- City Council approved Parks committee members to receive a per diem of \$75 per meeting starting January 2024.
- City Council was approached by a resident requesting the vacation of Triton Ave., (part of Dupont Park); Council approved motion to send to Plan Commission.
- Kluver requested budget for Parks Designated Fund. There is currently approximately \$200,000 in the fund.

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

- 2023 Wisconsin Coastal Management grant is still waiting for paperwork before work can commence.
- City is on hold with the invasive control contract; Bay Area Environmental Consulting has dissolved its partnership. The owners are dividing up their customers.
- Small group regarding invasive control on Walking Trail needs to meet. The Subcommittee for updating the plan has not met.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM

Angel Croll
Secretary, Parks Committee