

July 27, 2022

**CITY OF WASHBURN PARKS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

5:30 PM

Washburn City Hall and virtually

Members Present:

Jennifer Maziasz (Council rep), Erika Lang, Jeremy Oswald, Jamie Cook, Angel Croll

Municipal Personnel Present:

Assistant City Administrator Tony Janisch

Absent:

none

Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm. Three (3) of Five (5) members of the Committee are present; quorum is recognized. Cook and Croll arriving late.

Approval of the June 21, 2022 Parks Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion made to approve minutes by Oswald, second by Masizasz. Minutes approved unanimously.

Updates from Public Works Department

Public Works Director Gerry Schuette was not present. However, Janisch gave the following updates:

- Repairs made to new walking trail bridge in front of the condos. Stabilized.
- Brushing along walking trail to treat invasive plant, garden valerian.
- 60% one with picnic table upgrade
- Sewer issues at West End Park and need to do some improvements at lift station
- Grading rough areas with topsoil and signage
- Installing some new signage
- Will be completing brushing and grading along walking trail by August

Update on Implementation of the Walking Trail Land Management Plan & WI Coastal Management Grant

- Mowing along walking trail is occurring focusing on garden valerian and other brush
- Final proof of welcome interpretive sign will be shared with the parks committee for final input
- Sign will go at entrance to walking trail and we can build infrastructure around it

Discussion & Action of Pump Track Development – Washburn On Wheels, petitioner

An informal group has formed calling themselves WOW – Washburn On Wheels. This group presented their proposal for a Washburn Waterfront Bike Park. They would like to see a durable pump track and bikes skills course. The group also conducted an informal survey of area biking enthusiasts.

- Scott Rousch, live in Washburn, family mountain bikes, travel throughout area to mountain bike.
- Kellie Pederson. Here as an extension agent. Have been providing some support to this group. Community benefits and investment: adding amenities has a resounding effect. Lots of benefits. Outdoor rec is important.
- Tommy Cogger – own a trail building company that builds trails all over the country. Want to see a bike park in my community. Like the location along the waterfront trail. Wouldn't take a ton of work.
- Charmaine Swan – lives in Washburn. Has two kids. A few things that we are asking of the city. See the proposal.

Cook motioned to open the floor for public comment; second by Oswald. Motion approved unanimously.

- Margaret relocated from Boulder, CO commented that CO trails are used by multiple generations; they support an in-town location as they currently travel to other locations.

- Dustin Long is a teacher and has awareness of young people interested in mountain biking

Maziasz asked Janisch if City Council approval was required for matching grant fund dollars. Janisch responded yes; match dollars would need Council approval. Lang suggested limiting City staff time to 5-10%. Lang also shared concerned about the grant timeline, as well as long term maintenance. Maziasz further stated support of the pump track concept, but that location is important. She also shared concerned about timing of the grant. Pederson responded that the IMBA and MMC have rolling deadlines. Maziasz further ask about noise. The group responded that with a solid surface, noise shouldn't be an issue. Oswald asked if there would be other things of usefulness for non-cyclists.

Janisch stated that it had already been determined to move forward with the grant applications. The MMC grant would serve as the match for the IMBA grant and thus no City funds would be needed. And that Janisch would serve as the liaison. Discussion continued around potential locations for the track, when to take the proposal to Council and collecting public comment. Pederson stated that the grant could be used for finding or determining a location. Oswald recommended putting the pump track project in the Outdoor Recreation Plan. Cook motioned to close the floor; Maziasz second; motion approved unanimously.

Discussion & Action of gathering Public Comment for proposed expansion of West End Park Campground

Maziasz would like to get community feedback through public input session and a questionnaire. Croll will assist with the flyer and questionnaire. Flyers to be posted around town, City FB page, and a newspaper article. Meeting location set for Walking Trail entry, with rain location at West End Park pavilion, tentatively on Tuesday August 23 and Wednesday August 31, 6:30 pm. Presentation materials to include boards with site plans.

Discussion & Action of Outdoor Recreation Plan (assets, priorities & projects)

Janisch suggested a special meeting to complete the "priorities" for the plan. Date is set for Wednesday August 10, 2022 at 6pm.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Erika Lang & Angel Croll
Secretaries, Parks Committee