

Lake Mills Parks Board Minutes
Wednesday Feb 17, 2021

1. **Call to Order:** Chairperson Vicki Wickliffe called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Members present: Vicki Wickliffe, Michelle Quednow – City Council Liaison, Matt Pederson, Timothy Sprecher, Bill Logothetis, and Rob Goetz – Parks and Forestry Director.
Guest: Rebecca Feirer
3. **Parks Board Minutes of January 20, 2021:** No corrections or edits. Motion to approve the minutes made by Matt Pederson, seconded by Michelle Quednow, passed 4-0. Bill abstained.
4. **Public Comments:** Vicki mentioned an email she had received from the RLIA regarding the number of boats on the lake at one time. Rob noted that the town of Lake Mills is responsible for the lake. Bill reported a person asking on Facebook for a designated smoking area near Sandy Beach. Rob reported there has not been an issue with cigarette butts on the beach and that enforcing smoking areas would be difficult. Tim stated that the public was extremely pleased with the ice rink.
5. **Story Walk Proposal:** LD Fargo Public Library Children’s Librarian, Becca, presented her Story Walk proposal for the Parks Board. Becca discussed the positive feedback received from their initial attempt at a story walk around the library last summer using yard signs that did not fare well with the weather. Proposal shows Watertown’s Story Walk with more permanent fixtures. Watertown has 21 signposts that are left up all year. Ages aiming for—family with younger children who appreciate picture books. The Story Walk would be sponsored by the library and paid for by the library and community resources. Rob proposed a route around Commons Park, down Fort Court, behind City Hall, near Rock Lake Manor, out to Water Street, across the walkway through Commons Park, and ending at the library. Matt suggested Wallace Park as another option.

Timeframe – Rob and Becca will review potential locations and details during the spring and present a plan to the Parks Board. Implementation is anticipated by July.

Matt proposed tabling the item to the April agenda to make the best recommendation for location.
6. **Skate Park at Wallace Park** – representatives did not arrive. Tabled agenda item.
7. **Parks and Forestry Director’s Report**– Rob Goetz presented his Director’s February 2021 Report regarding ice rinks, snow removal, painting and cleaning park signs, and other things the Parks Department has to do.
8. **Announcements** – no announcements
9. **Next Meeting Date:** March 17, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.
10. **Adjourned at 6:42pm**

Respectfully submitted: Michelle Quednow, acting Secretary