

# Lake Mills Parks Board Minutes

20 January 2021

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1. **Call to Order:** Chairperson Vicki Wickliffe called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.
2. **Roll Call:** Members present - Vicki Wickliffe, Michelle Quednow-City Council Liaison, Matt Pederson, Timothy Sprecher, and Rob Goetz—Parks & Forestry Director. Member absent – Bill Logothetis.  
Guests: Daniel Drescher –Lake Mills City Attorney  
Tom and Cathey Sloane, Fort Atkinson (former residents of Lake Mills)
3. **Parks Board Minutes of November 18, 2020:** No corrections or edits. Motion to approve the minutes made by Matt Pederson, seconded by Vicki Wickliffe, passed 3-0. Michelle abstained as she was not part of the Parks Board on November 18, 2020.
4. **Parks and Forestry Director's Report:** Rob Goetz presented his End of the Summer Summary 2020 regarding fee income from Sandy Beach, City boat Launches, Shelters and Ball Diamonds depicting a three-year running trend. Rob also presented his January 2021 Director's Report.
5. **Public Comments:** L.D. Fargo Public Library Children's Librarian, Rebecca Feirer, sent an email and attached photo to Rob Goetz regarding a Story Walk Proposal – discussion item placed on the February 17, 2021 agenda.

Vicki shared a recent Club 55 column in the Lake Mills Leader in which the author described the Currier and Ives scene in Commons Park and thanked the parks department for maintaining the skating rink.

6. **Bartel's Beach Mooring and Parking of Watercraft:** City Attorney, Dan Drescher, presented an update on State Statute, City and Town ordinances and enforcement for Rock Lake and Bartel's Beach in regard to observations and safety concerns of nearby residents. Specifically, the no wake enforcement of motor propelled personal watercraft and boats near swimmers and self-propelled watercraft in the area between the boundary of the beach's designated swimming area and Manley's property line. Rob Goetz explored options discussed at the November Parks Board meeting and stated that given their expense and unknown effectiveness he would propose having his staff monitor, tabulate and time mark the weekend boating behavior between Memorial Day and Labor Day 2021.

Motion to approve having Rob's staff monitor, tabulate and time-mark the 2021 weekend boating behavior as proposed made by Tim Sprecher and seconded by Matt Pederson, passed 4-0. Data will be evaluated for potential recommendations for 2022.

7. **Bench Donation:** Tom and Cathey Sloane attended to present the historical link Tom's parents had to the community of Lake Mills as residents, community volunteers and businesspeople and to showcase the renderings and specifications of their proposed memorial bench. They had been working with Rob and attended the meeting to ask the Parks Board to recommend that the City of Lake Mills accept and place the George and Delores Sloane memorial bench in Bartel's Beach Park.

A motion to accept the bench as shown with costs, including installation, to be paid by the Sloane family; motion made by Matt Pederson, seconded by Michelle Quednow, passed 4-0.

**8. Announcements:** Michelle Quednow-City Council Liaison, agreed to take on the minute taking duties until the annual election of officers in May 2021.

**9. Next Meeting Date and Time:** February 17, 2021 - 5:30 PM.

**10. Adjournment:** Vicki Wickliffe adjourned the meeting at 7:18 PM.

**Respectfully submitted:** Timothy Sprecher, Parks Board Member

## **END OF THE SUMMER SUMMARY 2020**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Sandy Beach: Gatehouse, Seasonal Passes & Shelter Rental	\$74,196.63	\$56,816.67	\$50,867.86
N/C Seasonal Passes	1519	1812	2010
Boat Lift Rental	\$29,400.00	\$30,625.00	\$30,625.00
Boat Parking Rental	\$13,243.65	\$17,661.70	\$13,897.29
Winter Boat Parking	\$735	\$555	\$300
Boat Launches: Sandy Beach/Mill Pond/ Seasonal Passes:	\$24,901.89	\$20,316.78	\$22,102.44
Seasonal Passes Issued:	203	184	233
Commons Park: Shelter Rental	\$285	\$75	\$275
Ball Diamond Rental	\$300	\$350	\$738.50

## **Parks & Forestry Director's Report January 2021**

1. Tree removals along streets, in the parks and cemetery.
2. Continuing with tree trimming program.
3. Stump grinding and restoration of areas.
4. Snow and ice cleanup on city owned sidewalks as needed.
5. Working on ice rinks.
6. Painting of park signs.
7. Fixing and painting picnic tables, benches and garbage cans.
8. Doing equipment repairs and maintenance.
9. Handling private sidewalk complaints for snow and ice.
10. Installed and removed new Christmas decoration on light poles.
11. Painted warming house at Commons Park.