

Lake Mills Parks Board Minutes

18 November 2020

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1. **Call to Order:** Chairperson Vicki Wickliffe called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.
 2. **Roll Call:** Members present - Vicki Wickliffe, Bill Logothetis, Matt Pederson, Timothy Sprecher, and Rob Goetz—Parks & Forestry Director.
Member/s absent – None (Steve Fields resigned due to a residence change.)

Guest: Michael Nesemann, Lake Mills citizen
 3. **Parks Board Minutes of September 16, 2020:**
No corrections or edits. Motion to approve the minutes made by Tim Sprecher, seconded by Bill Logothetis, passed 4-0.
 4. **Parks and Forestry Director's Report:** Rob Goetz
Rob presented the November 18, Director's Report.
 5. **Public Comments:** None
 6. **Bartel's Beach Mooring and Parking of Watercraft**

Mike Nesemann shared his observations regarding the potentially unsafe boating practices he observed at the beach last summer and in past years since he moved to South Ferry Drive. For example, he observed personal watercraft and motorized boats towing tubers and skiers to and from the beach and exceeding the slow/no wake restrictions.

Rob presented what he and City Attorney, Dan Drescher, discovered regarding swimming area boating rules: Wisconsin DNR - slow/no wake motorized boats within 100 feet of a swimmer; Town of Lake Mills' more restrictive 50 feet; enforcement: Town of Lake Mills on the water; City of Lake Mills on the shore/beach.

Parks Board members discussed restricting/limiting motorized watercraft access by moving the swimming area to the north, installing slow/no wake buoys and information buoys, and installing beach signage regarding beach parking or mooring. The Board also discussed adding stairs, a pier, and an ADA approved park access to the south of Bartel's Beach.

The discussion was tabled until various costs and regulations are explored and presented by Rob and the City Attorney.

7. Sandy Beach Boat Launch Amenities:

Rob shared photographs and a Sandy Beach map to present an overview of the various pier, vending machine shelters and signage (and their placement) that are being considered by the City Council with a request from the Council for a Parks Board endorsement. Motion to endorse the amenities as presented by Rob (with the requested modifications noted by Rob) made by Bill Logothetis, seconded by Matt Pederson, passed 4-0.

8. Sandy Beach Boat Lift Rental:

Rob provided the 2020, City of Lake Mills Parks/Boat Launch Fees & Charges with highlighted fees & charges to consider increasing. The Board discussed several options for allocating the 25 boat lifts such as no change, a lottery, a raffle, and time limits (minimum of 5 years). Matt Pederson also brought forward the idea of a “boat lift waiting list fee” modeled after the City of Oconomowoc’s.

Motion by Matt Pederson and second by Bill Logothetis to initiate an annual non-refundable, \$20.00 boat lift waiting list fee. An applicant’s current list status is maintained with an annual “BLWLF” payment. Payment schedule and notice to be determined by the City Council. Motion passed 4-0.

9. Park Fees:

Motion by Matt Pederson, second by Tim Sprecher to increase annual fees:

- Boat lift fee to \$1300 [from \$1200 (circa 2013)]
- Summer Boat Fence Parking (Mid-April to Mid-October) to \$425 [from \$375]
- Winter Boat Fence Parking (Mid-October to Mid-April)
 - City Resident to \$50 [from \$35]
 - Non-Resident to \$75 [from \$50]

And to amend Wallace Park Shelter Reservations -

- City Resident \$60 (\$100 if hosting a tournament or multi-game event)
- Non-Resident \$80 (\$150 if hosting a tournament or multi-game event)

Motion passed 4-0.

10. Announcements

- None.

11. Next Meeting Date and Time: December 16, 2020 - 5:30 PM.

12. Adjournment: Vicki Wickliffe adjourned the meeting at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Timothy Sprecher, Parks Board Member

Director's Report November 18, 2020

1. Pulled all pier sections, boat lifts and swim lines.
2. Water shut down of restrooms, cemetery, and trailer park.
3. Winter cleanup of parks; stake picnic tables, remove batting cage nets, small shelter canvas removal, garbage can storage, etc...
4. Staff is continuing with leaf clean up in the parks and cemetery.
5. Cleanup of shrub and flower beds around city hall and Ford Ct..
6. Fall planting of 56 trees along the streets.
7. Finished street terrace tree planting for the Hwy 89 reconstruction project.
8. Started our fall and winter tree trimming and removals.
9. Relandscaped several tree terraces from tree stump and root issues.
10. Changing equipment over from summer to winter usage.
11. Keeping up with vehicle and equipment repairs.