

LAKE MILLS PARKS BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2021

1. **Call to Order:** Chairperson Vicki Wickliffe called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.
2. **Roll Call:** Members present: Vicki Wickliffe - Chair, Michelle Quednow - City Council Liaison, Timothy Sprecher, Rob Goetz - Parks and Forestry Director, Matt Pederson, Bill Logothetis; Guests: Rebecca Feirer, Neal Shade, Joe Cooper, Jameson Cooper.
3. **Parks Board Minutes of February 17, 2021:** Motion by Tim to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Bill, motion passed.
4. **Director's Report:** Rob has partially retired. The city is working on finding someone to replace him. Rob went through the director's report for April 21.
5. **Public Comments:** No public comments were made.
6. **Library Story Walk:** Becca spoke regarding locations considered for the Story Walk. In March, Rob and Becca walked possible sites and discussed potential problems. Commons Park and its barriers to success were discussed. Wallace Park provided more opportunities and space. The start and ending would be at Wallace Park. She would like to have the Story Walk installed by July. **Motion made** by Michelle to install, **seconded** by Matt. **Discussion:** To answer questions raised, Rob said that the woods are slated to stay and that the parking lot will expand down Industrial Drive. Matt asked how the Story Walk will be maintained. Becca said that the library will change the books every few months. The City will not be responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the signs but will be responsible for the trails and area around the woods. The City will also auger holes for the poles. **Motion passed.**
7. **Skateboard Park at Wallace Park:** The City purchased skateboard equipment and installed it at Rotary Park but because of complaints from neighbors, it was moved to the end of CP Ave. The equipment is currently in storage. Wallace Park has a designated space for a skateboard park. Joe Cooper contacted the company that made the equipment and put a quote together for a small park at Wallace Park that would repurpose current equipment. Parks Board encouraged Joe to continue to research options and funding and return with more information.
8. **Boatlifts at Sandy Beach:** Neal Shade presented concerns regarding the inequity and inconsistencies of boatlift rental and the waiting list. Rob gave a history of how the boatlifts were delegated. Parks Board discussed Oconomowoc's boatlift policy as an example for how to move forward. Parks Board would like to reconsider the November 2020 recommendation of the lift fee that was submitted to the Council and is looking into multiple options, including but not limited to, rotation of the boatlift spots and possible

removal of boatlifts. Life of a boatlift is around 15 years. Some lifts are beyond their normal life. Rob will prepare a cost/benefit analysis for boatlifts. The Board **asked that boatlifts be put on a future agenda.**

9. Announcements: This is Vicki's last meeting. The council president appoints the next chair.

10. Next meeting date: May 19, 2021

11. Adjourned at 7:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Quednow, acting Secretary