



**Parks Committee Meeting
Monday, January 13, 2025
6:00 PM**

The January 13, 2025 Parks Committee meeting will be held remotely and in person using the Zoom video conference application.

Instructions for Participating in the Meeting Remotely Via Zoom

Options for Joining the Zoom Meeting:

- **RECOMMENDED:** Use your computer, tablet or smart phone to join the meeting by logging on to
 - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82228505274?pwd=u211pYO7R4R4lMgGcgUSTaVAbRKfg0.1>
Meeting ID: (822 2850 5274)
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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
 - A. Minutes of the November 18, 2024 Parks Committee meeting
- 5. Business**
 - A. Park Dedication Fund Balance
 - B. 2025 Priorities
 - C. Levee
 - D. Town Square Park/Skating Rink
 - E. Meadow Ridge
- 6. Adjournment**

City of Afton Parks Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 18, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Attendees: Grant Jensen, Nicholas Livingston, Bob Dickie, Julie Zeidel, Karen Weiss, Angela Tangen; liaisons Annie Perkins, Ken Johnson

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by Grant.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the October meeting were approved by Julie and seconded by Karen.

Items of Business:

A. Park Dedication Fund Balance: \$361,803

B. Bench Donation

Ken forwarded a message to Heidi Hubbard on behalf of the Parks Committee, letting her know we'll discuss the bench location further. Details to finalize are a spring installation of the bench, location, and other Town Square Park opportunities. We need to reach back out approximately next April.

C. Levee

Signs: Grant will use the city office's lamination in the spring to make "Prairie in Progress" signs for along the new plantings.

Future Plantings: We will likely need two more planting events next spring to complete the plug planting.

D. Town Square Park

Watering: Nicholas presented preliminary research on watering the park, balancing keeping plants and trees healthy while conserving water and not leaching any fertilizers into the waterways. Nicholas' action steps - reach out to Red Wing, Bayport, and Hudson about how their park watering works.

Grass Seeding: Grant presented information from Twin City Seed Co about options for an optimal grass seed. They have a blend that would require little water once established and little to no fertilizer. The ability to handle wear and tear, especially from festivals, is medium for this blend, so it would have to be overseeded occasionally. We need to consider this vs. sod (or a combo) for the areas that used to be the t-ball mound, as well as improving other sections of the park. Also to consider is timing of irrigation installation.

Irrigation: We need to take the irrigation system that Ken obtained and consider the details, such as phases of installation, what type of spray heads, and whether to include bubblers or similar for the new trees and shrubs around the perimeter.

Hanging Baskets: While an appealing idea, we concluded that it was beyond the purview of the Parks Committee.

Sport Court: The subcommittee of Karen, Ken, and Grant will discuss the next round of obtaining quotes for the basketball court to be redone as-is, except removing some of the fencing. The main topic is ensuring future quotes ask for a particular set of details.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Karen and seconded by Nicholas at 7:15pm

Parks Committee Memo
Meeting: January 13, 2025

City of Afton
3033 St. Croix Trl, P.O. Box 219
Afton, MN 55001

To: Parks Committee Members
From: Ron Moorse, City Administrator
Date: January 9, 2025
Re: Park Dedication Fund Balance

The Park Dedication Fund balance as of December 1, 2024 is \$358,188.00.