



**Parks Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 23rd, 2022
6:00 PM**

Due to the Covid-19 Virus the February 23, 2022 Parks Committee meeting will be held remotely using the Zoom video conference application.

Instructions for Participating in the Meeting Remotely Via Zoom

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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
 - A. Minutes of the January 26, 2022 Parks Committee meeting
- 5. Business**
 - A. Future Meetings: Zoom or In Person?
 - B. Meadow Ridge Project
 - C. City Hall Project
 - D. Bike Routes
 - E. Long-Term Planning
- 6. Adjournment**

City of Afton
Parks Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 26, 2022
6PM

Attendees: Grant Jensen, chair; Jane Tar, Bob Dickie, Joseph Novik, Ken Johnson, Karen Weiss, Angela Tangen, Ron Morse, Julie Zeidel

Approval of the December meeting minutes

Approval of the Agenda

Business:

- A. **Meadow Ridge Pollinator Project.** The \$50,000 grant has been obtained; the city will be responsible for ongoing maintenance of the project. Tree removal will start soon. Neighbors will be kept informed about the project and timelines via postcard.
- B. **Pollinator Trail by City Hall.** The memorial bench and trees have been installed. A drought tolerant short grass prairie will be added; committee members will assist with this. Another area will have native trees and shrubs. All will be deer and rabbit resistant.
- C. **Bike Trails.** The owner of the bike shop has been given maps of the streets in Afton so he can work up trails and difficulty designations. Additional signage will be obtained, possibly including some "share the road" signs.
- D. **Other priorities.** The committee discussed future projects and priorities, including the need for a comprehensive plan, given the amount of development that is anticipated and the changing demographics which will bring younger families here. However, such a plan would be time consuming and expensive. Other suggestions included: making a few wildlife paths through the rip rap in Steamboat park and adding access for kayakers; connecting different parks to facilitate movement of people and animals; consideration of an east / west and north / south corridor for people and animals to use to travel throughout Afton; the need for a dog park; getting more use out of Steamboat Park, though the isolated nature of the park and intermittent access due to flooding makes this problematic; the possibility of getting another grant to expand the Meadow Ridge project to the adjacent parcel; and the need to continue getting public and private land replanted with native plants.
- E. **Motion to adjourn**