



City of Afton

Parks Committee Meeting Wednesday, April 24, 2024 6:00 PM

The April 24, 2024 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/87117997698?pwd=MVpCSHEwcGQ0QUNnaTd5TUtrWERvdz09>
Meeting ID: (871 1799 7698)
Passcode: 949774
- Dial-in Number (to call in to the meeting)
+1 312 626 6799. When prompted, enter Meeting ID: 871 1799 7698

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of Agenda

4. Approval of Minutes

- A. Minutes of the March 27, 2024 Parks Committee meeting

5. Business

- A. Park Dedication Fund Balance
- B. Levee
- C. Town Square Park
- D. Skating Rink
- E. Meadow Ridge
- F. Homegrown National Park
- G. Meeting Date
- H. Outdoor Lights for Migration

6. Adjournment

City of Afton Parks Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Attendees: Grant Jensen, Bob Dickie, Lori Swanson, Nicholas Livingston, Karen Weiss; liaison, Ken Johnson

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:14PM

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from February meeting approved by members Swanson and Livingston.

Items of Business:

A. Park Dedication Fund Balance: \$347,710

B. Miller Subdivision

This project needs quite a bit of reworking before it's ready for another round of review so we'll strike it from the agenda until we hear back.

C. Levee

The RFP didn't go out on the scheduled calendar, so to get back on track Ron, Elissa and Chair Jensen will make the decision on the contractor between April 11 – 16.

Mr. Dickie suggested we explore funding to pave the remainder of the bike trail, along with signage and possibly an information kiosk for the trailhead. Chair Jensen will inquire with Stan and Ron.

Another levee topic is to restore and maintain the erosion on the trail where they need attention with gravel and removal of asphalt. It is the only access point to launch kayaks and canoes. Improving the access point to the river. Ken will ask our engineer how it might be done and put together an estimate and explore whether it could be funded by our parks reserve fund or a city budget item.

D. Town Square Park

There was a motion to approve the current plan with a unified planting plan that extends east to round the south corner with a similar feel and plant material and budget. Nicholas to send more complete design.

E. Skating Rink

As the site is too sloped and the proposed plantings would push it up the hill, Mr. Dickie proposed moving the rink on Ken's suggestion to the city land south of Selma's. The indigenous rattlesnake effigy mound is a concern, and we'd have to verify permission. We could level the ground, cut some trees (which are likely dangerous to park under anyway), and perhaps replant at the perimeter. We do have power there already and could set up a much easier rink that could require lower maintenance. We could perhaps provide parking in the summer and provide a larger skating area in the winter. There was a motion to recommend a new rink south of Selma's. All were in favor.

F. Meadow Ridge

Chair Jensen reported that Stantec has gathered more brush piles to burn during snow or rain – might wait until next winter. Member Weiss will verify that the red pine logs are stacked and then reach out to a contact to see if they'll remove them.

G. Homegrown National Park

Chair Jensen is working on putting together a small panel to answer questions after the What's the Rush viewing (April 18th at Memorial Lutheran). He will send the digital flyer to everyone to distribute, and print 50-75 copies of handouts.

Also, Afton is featured in HNP's 6 Cities On the Map article, and Mr. Jensen will forward to the committee.

H. Meeting Date

Because there is a seasonality to our projects and we need to get to city council in a timely manner after parks committee meetings, we will pursue options for a different meeting day. Chair Jensen will ask Ron and Jenny about two options for alternative days. Requirements are: toward the beginning of the month; enough time to get items on that month's city council agenda; Monday, Tuesday or Thursday.

Adjournment – 7:20pm

Parks Committee Memo
Meeting: April 24, 2024

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

To: Parks Committee Members
From: Ron Moorse, City Administrator
Date: April 17, 2024
Re: Park Dedication Fund Balance

The Park Dedication Fund balance as of March 1, 2024 is \$349,285.00.

Jenny Moore

From: Ken publicworks
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2024 12:36 PM
To: Jenny Moore
Subject: FW: inclusive amenities

From: Irish Mae Cago <irish@rent.fun>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:51 AM
To: Ken publicworks <publicworks@ci.afton.mn.us>
Subject: inclusive amenities

Hi Ken I read your parks master plan (yes, I need more hobbies) and noticed that City of Afton, MN is focused on adding inclusive multi-generational amenities to your parks system.

So thought you might want to check this out:

Its an outdoor game center with self-service rental kiosks for renting the accessories.



Imagine lively parks, families enjoying healthy competition, and thriving events with - all powered by fun activities like cornhole, bocce ball, and ping pong.

What's unique is that the program and infrastructure pays for itself - you pay a one time fee and then earn 50% of the rental revenue to recoup the upfront cost.

Plus, we handle everything - installing and maintaining the cornhole courts, app-based rentals and equipment replacement, etc. - so its zero tax on your maintenance staff.

Would you be open to exploring options with us over a zoom call?

Best Regards,

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