



**Parks Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 25, 2018
6:00 PM**

Agenda

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Minutes of the April 3, 2018 Parks Committee meeting**
- 5. Business**
 - A. Update on the Birds Bike and Boat Event**
 - B. Upgrades to Town Square Park**
 - 1). Landscaping around the restroom**
 - C. Park and trails that fall within the "jurisdiction" of the Parks Committee along the levee**
- 6. Adjournment**

City of Afton

Parks Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 3rd, 2018

6PM

Attendees: Committee members; Karen Weiss, Erin Smillie, Rick Pung, Bob Dicky, Stan Ross and Ken Johnson.

Business:

- A. A copy of the Park Plan and Park Dedication Regulations were provided to the members present. Chairperson Weiss suggests that members review these documents and that we make certain we continue to align our actions with the mission and recommendations outlined in the plan.
- B. Birds Bikes and Boats Event. This event needs two individuals to attend the 11:00 bike rack and repair station dedication and then watch over the kayaks from 2pm to 3:30 May 5th, preferably Parks Committee members. Attendees of the meeting were unable to volunteer at this event. Bob is trying to recruit volunteers.
- C. Bench Update. A model of the bench(s) for the restroom was brought in by Jerry Beutel to show the committee members. Everyone was pleased with the design. Jerry will work with Ken on a plan to secure the to the building, and hopes to have them completed by May 5.
- D. Carlson PLCD Update. 5 acre park parcel dedications was voted down by Planning Commission 0-7 and the City Council 3-2.

Parks Committee -Parks Commission. Conversation was opened to the consideration of this committee or a separate commission appointed to research PLCD park dedication fees, conservation easements and land dedication wording and guidelines from both the Park Plan and the Comp Plan. Committee member Ross expresses his desire for attaining a fee to have money to apply to the maintenance and upgrades of current parks and parcels. There was additional discussion about a new survey of Afton residents about current community interests and priorities regarding methods of open space acquisition, park uses, ie. dog parks and waterway access and conservation easements. A need for research on Minnesota statutes, other city's handling of PLCDs as possible guides was identified. Chairperson Weiss makes a motion: ***To recommend that the City Council appoint a commission to review current park dedication policies and other relevant open space issues surrounding PLCDs and Conservation easements currently in Park plan and Comp Plan. Motion seconded by Committee member Johnson and passed 6-0.***

- E. Restroom Update. Outhouses will be removed. The new restrooms will be open and maintained throughout the year.
- F. An additional picnic table was donated with a dedication placard.

G. Kayak Access – committee member Johnson talked with engineers and it is understood that access will be restored to get up to the levee. There was additional discussion about parking, access for bikes and kayaks in Steamboat park and new section on the south end of town.

H. Motion to adjourn