



**Parks Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 25th, 2022
6:00 PM**

Due to the Covid-19 Virus the May 25, 2022 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/86110109870?pwd=In-iKoGAANSF4VXNh1PILHMkTxNNqG.1>

Meeting ID: (861 1010 9870)

Passcode: 641773

Dial-in Number (to call in to the meeting)

+1 312 626 6799. When prompted, enter Meeting ID: 861 1010 9870

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of Agenda

4. Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes of the April 27, 2022 Parks Committee meeting

5. Business

- A. Park Dedication Fund Balance
- B. Meadow Ridge Project
- C. Pollinator Trail at City Hall
- D. Bike Trails
- E. Roadside Cleanup
- F. Town Square Park
- G. Long-Term Goals

6. Adjournment

City of Afton
Parks Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 27, 2022
6PM

Attendees: Grant Jensen, chair; Jane Tar, Bob Dickie, Angela Tangen, Julie Zeidel, Lucia Wroblewski

Approval of the March meeting minutes, 5:0

Approval of the Agenda, 5:0

Business:

- A. **Parks Dedication Fund.** The current balance is \$352,876.
- B. **Meeting format.** The committee would prefer in person meetings, whenever possible, but due to the need for a quorum and various limitations the committee would like to use hybrid in person / Zoom meetings. This would allow members to participate when traveling or ill. Inquiries will be made of the city to determine protocols.
- C. **Meadow Ridge Pollinator Project.** Tree removal has started, but fewer trees were removed along the road than was anticipated. Grant Jensen will reach out to determine if this was an oversight or a change in plans. There will be a controlled burn of the area soon.
- D. **Pollinator Trail by City Hall.** The trees that were installed around the new memorial bench were damaged by deer last winter. This spring, native trees and shrubs will be added by committee members and others willing to assist. "Tree diapers" will be used on some of the plantings to increase odds of survival. A drought tolerant short grass prairie will be added in the fall.
- E. **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. Designations for skate skiing will be added as well. Additional signage will be considered, possibly including some "share the road" signs. Other amenities could be added by the Steamboat Park parking lot. However, this project cannot be completed until the fate of the property on the dike is known, and the possibility of a wider shoulder on the interstate frontage road is determined. Angela Tangen will follow up with other entities, including the "rails to trails" people, to determine how to make the information available on line. The possibility to add free or reduced cost rental bikes was discussed as well.
- F. **Recycling bins.** These are available from the county, free of charge. It was also requested that the city council talk to Selma's about discontinuing their use of styrofoam.
- G. **Long Term Planning.** The committee discussed future projects and priorities. Everyone was excited about the possibility of creating corridors throughout Afton for use by pedestrians, bicyclists, and animals. The need to upgrade Town Square Park was discussed; committee members passed a motion to ask the city to investigate ownership of a freezer in the gazebo, and have it removed immediately. The chicken wire should

also be removed. It might be desirable to power wash and paint the structure as well. Committee members also discussed ways to facilitate garbage pickup along the side of the road.

H. Motion to adjourn

Ag. Preservation Committee Memo

Meeting: May 25, 2022

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

To: Parks Committee Members

From: Ron Moorse, City Administrator

Date: May 19, 2022

Re: Park Dedication Fund Balance

The Park Dedication Fund balance as of May 1, 2022 is \$336,593.00.