



# *City of Afton*

**Parks Committee Meeting  
Monday, July 30, 2018  
6:30 PM**

## **Agenda**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
  - A. Minutes of the June 27, 2018 Parks Committee meeting**
- 5. Business**
  - A. Town Square Park Field grading**
  - B. Possible Merge with Natural Resources & Groundwater Committee**
  - C. Park Naming Procedure**
- 6. Adjournment**

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Parks Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

6PM

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

April minutes approved.

Business:

A. Landscaping in Town Square Park

Chairperson Weiss reviews the dollar amount allocated for the park bathroom project (\$111,000) and includes the landscaping (\$2,500). Additional costs for heating, exhaust and fan, flooring, cement slabs for garbage and bike rack, wood chips and hydroseeding several times at \$3,500 and another \$2,800 for outhouse removal puts the total costs over by \$8,000. Additional needs for this park were identified and we discussed that further maintenance related costs be requested versus using park dedication funds. Rain related erosion around the bathroom requires attention. Chairperson Weiss motions for committee member Johnson to get an estimate on river rock and installation costs for the front and back of the restroom. Committee member Dickey amends that costs not exceed \$1,000 and committee member Smillie seconds. Motion passes 7:0. Committee member Dickey agrees to contact Angie Haun at the Washington Co. Watershed District about ideas on drainage of rain water on the ballfield. Further landscaping involving seeding and plantings have been tabled until erosion and pooling water issues have been solved.

B. Steamboat Park

City council member, Bill Palmquist, joins us for an update on Steamboat park, the levee and newly updated south park (unofficially Carver Park). He shares that Jen Sorensen at the DNR would need to sign off on any paths we propose on the south end. Bill shares his personal uses of the park and access to the river and interest on improvements for access for individuals with small watercraft looking for river access. Bill has a connection with Lesley Thomas, who sold her home to the city along the south park. Her home was removed for development and improvements completed recently. She has educational information on the area she has attained through her research. Bill suggests we invite her to share with the group as this may be information to include on educational and informational signage in the park for the enjoyment of visitors. Corps of engineers will need to sign off on ramp into steamboat park. Discussion about the unsafe entry point for small watercraft south of the city docks needs attention. Committee member Dickey motions to investigate the expense of removing the existing jagged and broken concrete and then paving it. Chairperson Weiss seconds the motion and it passes 7:0.

C. Discussion of Share the road signage – tabled

D. Benches and Plaques

Benches will stay where they are now. Plaques on order.

E. Park Naming

Chairperson Weiss suggests we consider whether or not we need to create a process for naming parks and that committee review surrounding area towns policy and/or procedure for naming, picking elements that we may want to model in our own process. Committee member Ross brings up that the Jessie Diggins street sign gifted to the city should have a permanent location in the town square park. These discussions are tabled for now.

F. Rinta park trees

There are trees along the east border of the gardens that block the morning sunlight from the garden per Barbara, member of Rinta gardens. She will be given the contact information of Tim Power, the city of Afton tree inspector to confirm if they are invasive and then directed to bring the issue to the city council.

G. Motion to Adjourn