



**Parks Committee Meeting
Monday, August 12, 2024
6:00 PM**

The August 12, 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/87962602305?pwd=3lCFxYIa9W08eJ2kWZrIUPik4VZtGZ.1>
Meeting ID: (879 6260 2305)
Passcode: 178078
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+1 312 626 6799. When prompted, enter Meeting ID: 879 6260 2305

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
 - A. Minutes of the July 8, 2024 Parks Committee meeting
- 5. Business**
 - A. Park Dedication Fund Balance
 - B. Levee
 - C. Town Square Park
 - D. Skating Rink
- 6. Adjournment**

City of Afton Parks Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 8, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Attendees: Lori Swanson, Grant Jensen, Angela Tangen, Karen Weiss, Julie Zieger, Bob Dickie; liaisons Annie Perkins, Ken Johnson

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:06 PM

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from June meeting approved by Bob and Lori.

Items of Business:

A. Park Dedication Fund Balance: \$352,371

B. Levee

- Signage: Grant will work on the sign, likely fall
- Trailhead
 - Grant to talk with Ron about master plan.
 - The City Council is aware of the topic and is examining what parts the County will participate in.
 - Bob will check with coordinator for county trail system.
- Volunteers
 - Grant to check with Elissa about how to arm volunteers with tools – drills, augers, etc.
 - Volunteers from St. Thomas the first two weeks of May or fall?

C. Town Square Park

- Phase 1 of the landscape renovation has been approved from the Horta Culture plan.
- Sport Court
 - Ken presented research on a potential renovation
 - Removal of old Sport Court: \$5,500
 - Base Bid #1: Color Coat One \$28,500
 - Base Bid #2: Color Coat One on New Asphalt \$19,470
 - Discussion about content of sport court
 - Pickleball
 - We know there are people who want it, but we know there are neighbors against it because of the noise.
 - Perhaps limit the hours to daytime.
 - Perhaps require felt paddles.
 - Bob suggests looking into cracked tiles only.

- Karen motioned and Bob seconded. All in favor. To present multiple options (likely 3) at the next meeting that will get passed on to the City Council.
- Part of this discussion is what to put around the perimeter of the sport court.
- Ailing Evergreen Tree in Town Square Park
 - Stan reports that the AABA paid \$1,500 for the ailing evergreen tree and he'd like to see its health addressed before it's cut down.
 - Ken reports that the City has had the tree checked by Save-A-Tree, it's been fertilized, and he doesn't think there's anything else to be done to make it healthier. It may just have a short lifespan.
 - Karen motioned that the committee recommends the pine tree be replaced with a native evergreen this fall, location TBD. Julie seconded. All in favor. If Council agrees, it'll be up to them to decide if the cost for a new tree comes from the City or if they approach the AABA for sponsorship.

D. Skating Rink

- Ken is researching the particulars of where to put the rink, including manpower, power, water, etc.
- In September start putting it in the newsletter to ask for volunteers to set up and maintain the rink.

Adjournment: motion to adjourn was made by Bob and seconded by Lori at 7:20pm

Parks Committee Memo
Meeting: August 12, 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: August 1, 2024
Re: Park Dedication Fund Balance

The Park Dedication Fund balance as of July 1, 2024 is \$353,893.00.