



**Parks Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 25, 2019
6:00 PM**

Agenda

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
 - A. Minutes of the August 28, 2019 Parks Committee meeting
- 5. Business**
 - A. Pollinator Project Update
 - B. Recommendations regarding a maintenance plan for the new plantings (planters in Town Square Park and by levee stop log structure) as well as the plantings in the new medians.
 - C. Steamboat Park Fall Cleanup
 - D. Consider researching the impact the long durations of high water are having on the forest in Steamboat Park and recommend possible actions ensure the floodplain forest remains viable. (This could involve identifying grant opportunities for a study of the flood impact on the forest.)
 - E. Potential Sale of Parkland
- 6. Adjournment**

City of Afton

Parks Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 28th, 2019

6:00 PM

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

Minutes of the June 26th, 2019 Parks Committee meeting approved 8:0.

1. Business:

- A. Replacement of the ag-lime surface of the T-ball infield in Town Square with sod.
See last month's notes on this topic. In the interim, Ken will be getting quotes for 3 different additional flood mitigation options and if there is a rain event for this fall art in the park, Bob Dickie has agreed to use emergency pump. Both Chairperson Weiss and member Smillie have extra pumps to lend.
- B. Preliminary plans for native prairie plantings at the city hall site
Member Jensen shares his Afton town hall pollinator Project Process and timeline with the members. He also has included a map of the Pollinator Demonstration Gardens and sample photos. Chairperson Weiss makes a motion: The Park Committee recommends that the City Council approve the Afton Town Hall Pollinator pilot project and funds for the establishment and maintenance of the gardens for fall 2019 into 2020 with cost not to exceed \$8,000. Motion passes 8:0.
- C. Recommendations regarding a maintenance plan for the new plantings (planters in the Afton Town Square Park and by levee stop log structure) as well as plantings in the new medians.
*this item has been tabled due to time constraints
- D. Steamboat fall cleanup is scheduled for Saturday October 26th, 9-12.
- E. Consider researching the impact the long durations of high water are having on the forest in Steamboat Park and recommend possible actions to ensure the floodplain remains viable. Bob Dickie will contact DNR to get someone out to evaluate.
- F. Potential sale of parkland, ie. Remus
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2. Motion to adjourn