

**Parks Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
6:00 PM**

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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
  - A.** Minutes of the July 27, 2022 Parks Committee meeting
- 5. Business**
  - A.** Park Dedication Fund Balance
  - B.** Town Square Park
  - C.** Pollinator Trail at City Hall
  - D.** Bike Trails
  - E.** Roadside Cleanup
  - F.** Levee Plantings
  - G.** Meadow Ridge
- 6. Adjournment**

## City of Afton Parks Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 27, 2022

6:00 p.m.

Attendees: Grant Jensen, chair; Angela Tangen, Karen Weiss, Bob Dickie, Julie Zeidel, Joseph Novik, Ward 2 Council Member Lucia Wroblewski, and Ken Johnson (virtual)

### **Call to Order**

Chairman Jensen called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. and made a motion to approve the current agenda. Mr. Dickie approved; Ms. Zeidel seconded.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Jensen made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Mr. Dickie approved; and Mr. Novik seconded.

### **Items of Business:**

#### **A. Parks Dedication Fund**

Chairman Jensen presented the financials consisting of the Parks Dedication Fund balance currently at \$334,116.

#### **B. Town Square Park**

Chairman Jensen opened the discussion regarding the Town Square Park. Mr. Dickie gave an overview of the status of the project, including concerns about the fencing at the site. Mr. Johnson asked for feedback regarding the fencing for the park, with possible consideration for the option of vegetation outlining the park. Ms. Weiss offered ideas and items for consideration. Further discussion and review of court layout, fencing, and greenery options for future meetings.

Mr. Dickie provided an update on the issue of the refrigerator in the park. An enclosure was built and provides a covering and lockable case that provides for a more appealing visual. Additionally, the picnic structure was painted and a change in lighting is being considered. Mr. Johnson will follow-up with lighting options for the Committee's consideration.

Mr. Johnson provided an update on the roofs of both structures in the park. Each needs repair and the recommendation are for replacement. Ms. Weiss suggested that we look at other products that will hold up better to the elements. Additional research will be done on pricing for a new product to use for roofing.

#### **C. Roadside Cleanup**

Ms. Tangen provided a short summary on the development of the CARD (Clean Afton Roads & Ditches) program and will plan to give full presentation at the September meeting.

#### **D. Meadow Ridge Pollinator Project**

Chairman Jensen reported on the status of the project. Due to the lack of rain, there hasn't been much activity on the project.

#### **E. Pollinator Trail at City Hall**

Chairman Jensen reported on the status of the project. Some of the plantings for the trail have been rearranged impacting the design; and an organized plan for watering was discussed along with a planting schedule for the fall. Proposed budget item is for fencing for the trees and tree diapers.

Mr. Johnson reported that the new recycle containers have been installed in the park which allowed for a garbage container to be available for placement along the trail near the bench along the trail.

Recommendation was made by Ms. Weiss to submit a short update in the newsletter regarding the status of the project, and how the weather has impacted the planting schedule. Committee supported this suggestion unanimously.

#### **F. Bike Trails**

Mr. Dickie provided an update on the trail system, incorporating some observations about the bike trail mapping that was at the Stillwater Lumberjack days. Made the recommendation for the City Council to continue to work to develop a complete mapping system.

Ms. Weiss suggested that the *Share the Road* signs for bicycles be created to draw awareness and enhance safety. Mr. Dickie is collecting signage samples for review by the committee. Ms. Weiss suggested that the Committee consider sending a representative to an upcoming City Council meeting to present an update on the work of the Committee and keep them apprised of the annual objectives.

MOTION: Ms. Weiss made a motion to propose that the City Council put together a volunteer commission to develop a study on road use in Afton focusing on current speed limits, usage, and road sharing. The Parks Committee feels that this lies outside of the Committee's scope, but safety and community feedback has made this a priority issue that needs timely consideration. Mr. Dickie seconded. Motion approved by members.

#### **G. Meridian Volunteers**

Tabled for next meeting.

#### **H. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn meeting. Mr. Dickie seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

# **Parks Committee Memo**

**Meeting: September 28, 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: September 20, 2022  
Re: Park Dedication Fund Balance

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The Park Dedication Fund balance as of September 1, 2022 is \$334,814.00





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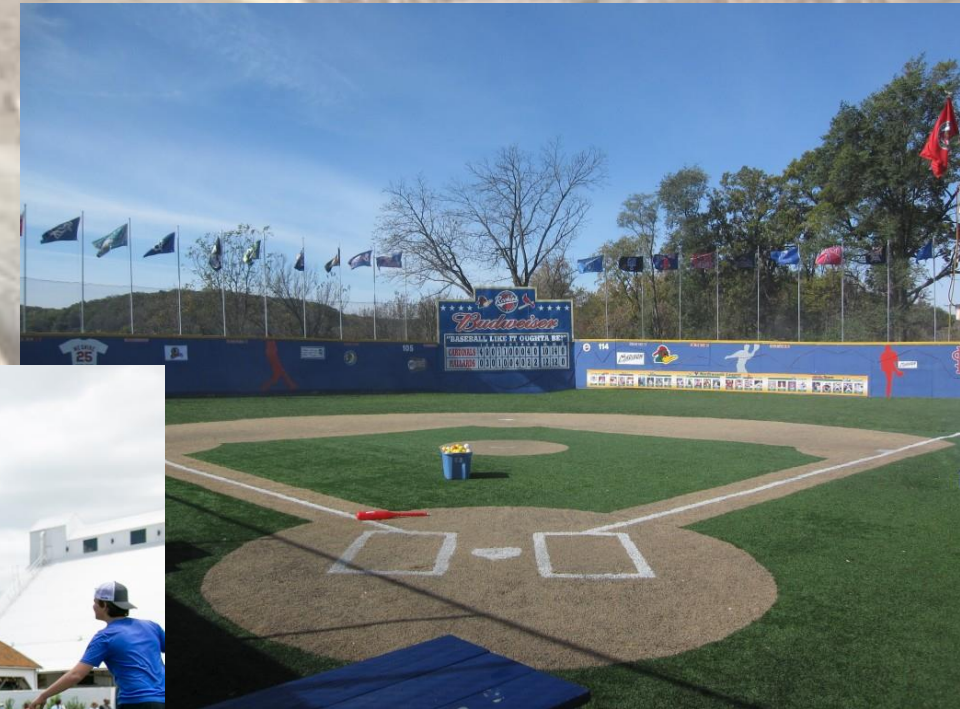
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