



REVISED
Parks Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 26th, 2022
6:00 PM

Due to the Covid-19 Virus the October 26, 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/85079719957?pwd=YjVEWWlrbGZLY0pSL2g3TnJ5K0U4dz09>

Meeting ID: (850 7971 9957)

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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
 - A. Minutes of the September 28, 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. Levee Plantings
- 6. Adjournment**

City of Afton
Parks Committee Meeting Minutes
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Attendees: Grant Jensen, chair; Jane Tar, Bob Dickie, Nicholas Livingston. Observing: Ken Johnson, Annie Perkins

Approval of the July meeting minutes

Approval of the Agenda

Business:

A. Town Square Park.

SKATING RINK: We reviewed some samples of skating rinks that use liners and can be disassembled and stored. Discussed building a frame versus purchasing one. Bob estimates using our own labor for less than \$2,000 – for a 40' by 40' and we could purchase the lumber locally. Buying from an outfit, such rinks are more like \$5k to \$7k. Professional installation would require \$8,600 for a 40' by 80' for everything from setup to takedown. Discussed setup and takedown becoming a civic project where the neighborhood comes together and does this. It would be best if we could get a door wide enough for the snowblower to make maintenance easier.

Our proposal is to present different options/recommendations for the council to consider. A company to come in and install it. Where we would own the material and reuse it but have another company install it year after year.

Motion to get two or three commercial contractor estimates to consider, and present to city council.

Also discussed that it would be nice to string LED lights across the rink.

FENCE AROUND BALLPARK: Reviewed examples of fencing and discussed the option of fencing that could be disassembled and stored in the off-season. Bob likes the look of the fence around an old cemetery in Cottage Grove - a powder coated aluminum fence to look like wrought iron. He will return to the cemetery and speak to Myron Bailey the Mayor over there to figure out who installed it and pursue that further.

PICKLEBALL COURT: Ken asked us to produce a design for the ballfield and court fencing before pursuing it further – costs and parameters.

- B. Pollinator Trail at City Hall.** 3,500 plugs for the prairie and 25 trees and shrubs will need to be installed in the next month. All choices approved by Tara at WCD for low water. We'll follow up the prairie planting with seeding in the fall and spring. Drip system is in place for trees and shrubs. Hope to get mulch in this fall still.
- C. Bike Trails.** Washington County is doing a comprehensive bike trail survey. They want to formalize the connection with Afton and how our trail system will work. Bjorn will mark up a map when he returns from Europe.

- D. The Levy Plantings.** Bob worked with Tara at WCD, and found that there was already a planting plan created for either side of the levy. Committee members and City Council members will walk the levy on Sept 29th with Erik Wateen from the Corps of Engineers to discuss the logistics of getting funding for installing the planting plan.
- E. Meadow Ridge.** Is proceeding as planned.
- F. Motion to Adjourn**

Parks Committee Memo

Meeting: October 26, 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: October 20, 2022
Re: Park Dedication Fund Balance

The Park Dedication Fund balance as of October 1, 2022 is \$338,365.00