



# City of Afton

**Parks Committee Meeting  
Monday, November 18, 2024  
6:00 PM**

The November 18, 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/87542730815?pwd=hcWgWQmYs9RjFqTorCkMnEkKlpXC8P.1>  
Meeting ID: (875 4273 0815)  
Passcode: 891570  
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+1 312 626 6799. When prompted, enter Meeting ID: 875 4273 0815

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Roll Call**

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**4. Approval of Minutes**

- A. Minutes of the October 14, 2024 Parks Committee meeting

**5. Business**

- A. Park Dedication Fund Balance  
B. Bench Donation  
C. Levee  
D. Town Square Park

**6. Adjournment**

City of Afton Parks Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 14, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Attendees: Grant Jensen, Nicholas Livingston, Bob Dickie, Lori Swanson, Jane Tar, Julie Zeidel, Angela Tangen; liaisons Annie Perkins, Ken Johnson

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by Grant.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the September meeting approved by Lori, seconded by Angela.

**Items of Business:**

**A. Park Dedication Fund Balance:** \$358,528

**B. Bench Donation**

Ken presented a request by the Hubbard family for a memorial bench in Town Square Park in honor of Karen Hubbard. The point of contact is Heidi Hubbard. The family would prefer the bench to face toward Selma's.

Ken suggested placement in spring based on the current landscaping renovation. We will reach out to the Hubbard family to let them know we'll discuss further.

**C. November Meeting Date**

Since the normal meeting date (November 11<sup>th</sup>) is Veterans Day, we've been requested to reschedule. We will move it to November 18<sup>th</sup>. There will then be no meeting in December.

**D. Levee**

The St. Thomas student event was a success, with 19 students and 3 Parks Committee members attending. We planted nearly 800 plugs.

Grant will put a note about the planting in the newsletter and the city's social media.

Ken confirmed that the "prairie in progress" type of signs from the original levee construction are no longer around, so Grant will look into creating simple laminated signs for temporary use.

**E./F. Town Square Park / Skating Rink**

Nicholas reported on the successful installation of phase 1 of landscaping, which is the northeast corner. Some follow-up:

Temporary Fencing: Nicholas asked if the temporary fencing can go in next spring instead of now. The committee thought it was a good idea; Annie thought it would be fine, but will follow up.

Sign posts: Nicholas will repaint the posts.

Flagstones: The garden beds in front of the existing refuse bins are mulched without plants. Nicholas' question is, should we add flagstones. The committee agreed we wait and see next spring but that Winter should be fine with mulch alone.

Watering: Horta Culture should proceed with watering per Ken as his Summer help is back to school. Ken will touch base with Jill about the hose spigots inside and out.

PlantSkydd: Horta culture will apply Plantskydd again in mid-November and on warm days throughout the winter on a 4-5 week cycle.

Grass seeding: Ben is willing to put down grass seed. Grant will consult with his contact at Twin City Seed Co about options for lower-water seed. We will also consider minimizing or reducing fertilizer use, especially being so close to the river.

Water truck: we will explore this option instead of irrigation. The City has previously used a watering truck from Tri-County for additional water. The results were medium, and it wasn't cheap. The action step is to see how much it costs to purchase a watering truck. Nicholas will look into that.

Homeplate: There is no longer a Homeplate, so we will have to look into purchasing one next spring.

Irrigation: Scott from Save a Tree questioned why we're not irrigating. Ken had a contractor quote an irrigation system: \$9,600 for hedges and maintain grass from 34<sup>th</sup> street to restroom and back behind gazebo/picnic shelter.

Hanging baskets from lamps: we will discuss this more next meeting.

Sport Court: Karen presented a direction for the sport court at the previous City Council meeting, asking for feedback. The City Council is generally in favor of updating the court to its original design, minus the sport court surface and tennis component, but is not in support of any additional uses ( benching, art, ice rink, pickleball etc.). The pricing for removal, new asphalt, new paint and details regarding the fencing aspect (remove/replace) should be presented as soon as possible for final approval.

Grant will ask Karen about forming a subcommittee with himself and Ken to take the next steps.

Skating Rink: There will be no skating rink in 2024. We need to get clarification about the status of plans for moving the skating rink across the road near Selma's in 2025.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made by Angela and seconded by Bob at 7:30pm

**Parks Committee Memo**  
**Meeting: November 18, 2024**

**City of Afton**  
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**Afton, MN 55001**

To: Parks Committee Members  
From: Ron Moorse, City Administrator  
Date: November 13, 2024  
Re: Park Dedication Fund Balance

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The Park Dedication Fund balance as of October 1, 2024 is \$361,803.00.