



**Parks Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021  
6:00 PM**

**Note: This meeting will be held in-person in the City Hall Council Chambers at  
3033 St. Croix Trail  
Afton, MN 55001**

### **Agenda**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
  - A. Minutes of the October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Parks Committee meeting
- 5. Business**
  - A. Meeting Setup
  - B. Meadow Ridge
  - C. Pollinator Trail at City Hall
  - D. Town Square Park
  - E. Bike Trails
- 6. Adjournment**

City of Afton

Parks Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 27, 2021 - 6PM

Attendees: Committee members; Grant Jensen, Bob Dickie, Julie Zeidel, Angela Tangen, Jane Tar; liaison Annie Perkins, liaison Ken Johnson.

Approval of the September meeting minutes, 5:0

Approval of the Agenda, 5:0

Business:

- A. **Meeting modes and other business.** The committee discussed the benefits of recording the meetings. This might lead to more community involvement but also might require more formalized procedures. The newsletter will more prominently feature meeting notices and items, as a way to spark more public interest.
- B. **Meadow Ridge Pollinator Project.** The city council elected to go with the Stantec bid, which will create a pollinator meadow as well as an oak savannah, with greater biodiversity and also some tree thinning in an adjacent stand of pine trees. The costs would be approximately \$56,000 for this, plus an annual maintenance fee. A grant will be applied for in November; the county will manage the grant application process and the project going forward. Currently existing uses of the park will continue, with the only changes being improved vegetation. Neighbors will be notified of scheduled improvements.
- C. **Pollinator Trail at City Hall.** The pollinator trail did not take off as planned this summer, due to drought and deer browsing. Replanting of deer resistant vegetation was completed a few weeks ago. The memorial bench and several trees were installed as discussed at the last meeting. In the future, a low grass prairie will be proposed to the City Council.
- D. **Bike Trails.** Bjorn from the bike shop needs a map of all the city streets. Bob is waiting on a new map for Bjorn to annotate - Ken will show him the map on the wall at City Hall to see if a copy of that will work. Once we have an appropriate map, Bjorn will annotate it to inform bicyclers of the difficulty of each road.  
The committee also discussed the need for signage on the family friendly bike trail behind city hall and on other city roads. Karen is working on contacting the appropriate people to move this request forward.  
The possibility of extending the bike trail along the length of the dike was also discussed.
- E. **Town Square Park.** The work on replacing the T-ball infield with grass has begun. Due to the late date, it will not be possible to have an ice skating rink this year as it would damage the grass seed. A general public announcement will be made.  
Possible relocation of the ice rink to the pond in steamboat park was discussed, but park hours - dawn till dusk - would severely limit use. Both these issues (the ice rink and city park hours) will be discussed at future meetings, along with the possibility of adding a pickle ball court, which should appeal to older residents. There might be grants available.
- F. **Motion to adjourn**