

PARK COMMISSION MINUTES

APRIL 3, 2024

Meeting called to order 9:32 am

Commission members in attendance: Fred Belay, Jennifer Meyer, Kathy Alf, Tom Roach, Barb Kleist, Dean Kallenbach and Tony Bischel; guest Kate Felton from Eau Claire Outdoors

Adopt agenda; motion made by Dean/sec Jennifer and passed

Approval of March 6, 2024 minutes; motion made by Jennifer/sec Barb and passed

Financial Report

Total expenses paid in March \$ 572.74 total year to date \$ 1,451.80; motion to approve report made by Jennifer/ sec Tony and passed

No work log hours to approve.

Information from Town of Union Treasurer's Report dated March 12, 2024:

Visit EC Dest. & Dev. \$ 21,298.83 + \$ 3,123.53 (handwritten Ck. 2-27-24) = \$ 24,422.36

Nicolet non-profit checking \$ 2,085.02

Jennifer will send copy of Visit Eau Claire contract to Commissioners.

Parks Discussion

Sherman Creek-Fred and Tom have started the plan for improving the entrance. They will finish the project when weather permits.

Conservancy- A Board member had concerns about the muddy trail head. Fred and Tom will put down some base course at the same time they work on the Sherman entrance.

The annual conservation easement visit from Landmark went well. The only odd thing Katie Hahn noticed was someone had constructed a little turkey blind out of sticks in the interior of the property. There was nothing of concern in regard to the conservation easement.

Landmark has scheduled two Garlic Mustard Workdays at the Conservancy May 15 @ 4:00pm – 6:00pm and May 22 @ 4:00pm to 6:00pm

Jennifer contacted Buesser Concrete regarding their quote. They are scheduled to make all pavilion improvements per Cedar Corps plan. The quote is under budget. Work will take place April 8-9 if weather permits.

Kate Felton from Eau Claire Outdoors located at 225 N. Barstow Eau Claire was present to discuss the two events she would like to have at the Conservancy. The first a poetry hike. Attendees will hike together in the Conservancy, stopping at beautiful spots along the way to hear poems read by local poets. The second is a fire building workshop using bow drilling technique. She is planning to collect a fee from her clients for the events. The fee is to cover the cost of the poets and the instructor for the workshop. She will not run the events at the Conservancy unless she can charge a fee. She will provide a certificate of insurance to the Town for the events. After reviewing Town of Union Parks Municipal Code and Community Environment Business Regulations Direct Sellers more questions arose regarding commercial use of the parks when a fee is charged. Jennifer will discuss with town attorney.

New Business

2024-25 Town of Union Park Commission Work Plan updates:

Develop an education outreach plan-Jennifer reached out to local teachers; fall is a better time for them to consider a plan.

Next meeting Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Meeting Adjourned 11:25am motion made by Kathy/sec Barb and passed

