

PARK COMMISSION MINUTES

JULY 3, 2024

Meeting called to order 9:34am

Commission members in attendance: Fred Belay, Jennifer Meyer, Kathy Alf, Tom Roach, Barb Kleist, Dean Kallenbach and Tony Bischel. Guests in attendance: Jeff Whyte and Matt Staudenmaier of Chippewa Valley Tree Care, LLC

Adopt Agenda; motion made by Kathy/sec Tom and passed

Approval of June 5, 2024 minutes; motion made by Dean/sec Fred and passed

Motion to renew seven year term of Jennifer Meyer to Town of Union Park Commission made by Kathy/sec Barb and passed

Financial Report

Total expenses paid in June \$ 1,026.94 total year to date \$ 12,410.38

Town of Union treasurer report dated May 14, 2024 shows Visit EC Dest. & Dev. \$ 21,298.83 and Nicolet Park checking \$ 2,087.65

Work log hours to approve:

Tom 4.5 hours @ \$15 total \$ 67.50 base course by pavilion and weed trimming

Fred 3 hours @ \$15 total \$ 45.00 base course by pavilion

Jennifer 1.5 hours @ \$15 total \$ 22.50 mowing

Red Flint ticket# 156480 for base course by pavilion invoice to be mailed

Fast Signs invoice# 2079-23426 \$ 135.42 three campfire signs

Motion to approve work log and invoices made by Dean/sec Tony and passed

Parks Discussion

Sherman Creek Park

Matt Staudenmaier of Chippewa Valley Tree Care, LLC attended the meeting to discuss his walk through at the park. No areas of tremendous risk were found. He had several helpful suggestions for future improvements including removal of buckthorn. It would widen the trails for better passage. A motion to approve a budget of up to \$ 2,000 assigning Chippewa Valley Tree Care to clean up broken trees crossing over the trails and any other potential hazards near the trails at Sherman Creek Park was made by Dean/sec Jennifer and passed

Dean and Fred updated the Commission on the progress with the Ayleen Bain Memorial. They continue to have communication with the group that is in charge of the memorial project. There are science teachers from the Altoona School District that are interested in contributing their guidance to the project.

Conservancy

Visit Eau Claire has posted survey by the trailhead at the Conservancy without getting permission to do so. In the future they must get permission before posting anything at the Town of Union parks. A

motion to approve the survey already placed at the Conservancy and suggest they also place one at Sherman Creek Park made by Dean/sec Barb and passed. The Commission also requests that Visit Eau Claire share the results of the survey with us.

Dean made contact with Kate Felton from Eau Claire Outdoors regarding the fire building demonstration and poetry events July 21 and September 28, respectively at the Conservancy. They were approved with the condition that no fee or donation be required. At this time participants cannot register without making a donation. She stated she will correct the error when she has time.

The Commission also discussed the event Kate Felton from Eau Claire Outdoors had at the Conservancy on June 28. She shuttled participants from Blue Ox fairgrounds (The Pines Music Park) to the Conservancy for a guided hike by local herbalist, Kerri Kiernan. Eau Claire Outdoors charged \$ 40 to attend the event. The Commission was not informed about the event by Kate Felton or Eau Claire Outdoors.

Tom and Fred have completed landscaping near the pavilion.

New Business

Tony will continue to monitor the Outdoor Recreation Committee meetings. The next meeting is scheduled July 11.

Jennifer continues to work on the logo-wear for Commission activities.

Future payments for court ordered restitution regarding theft at Conservancy will be made payable to the Town of Union Park Commission per Destiny at Eau Claire County District Attorney Office – Victim Witness division.

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 7 @ 9:30am

Meeting adjourned 11:25am motion made by Dean/sec Barb and passed