

PARK COMMISSION MINUTES

March 10, 2025

Meeting called to order 9:30am

Commission members in attendance: Fred Belay, Jennifer Meyer, Kathy Alf, Tom Roach, Barb Kleist, and Dean Kallenbach; guest Dale Karls DNR Snapshot volunteer

Adopt agenda; motion made by Fred/ sec Tom and passed.

Approval of February 5, 2025 minutes; motion made by Jennifer/ sec Dean and passed.

Financial Report

Total expenses paid in February \$ 639.82 Total year to date \$ 3,221.86

Town of Union Treasurer Report dated February 11, 2025 shows Visit EC Dest. Dev. Balance \$ 50,305.83

The Nicolet Park Checking shows a balance of \$ 4,265.67 of which \$ 2,086.00 is for Aylen Bain Memorial.

Motion to approve financial report made by Jennifer/ sec Fred and passed.

Invoices to Approve:

Inv # 2906 dated 11/9/24 Super Sign Man for \$ 100.00 for Aylen Bain Memorial to be deducted from Nicolet Park Checking.

Work Log to Approve:

Dean Kallenbach \$ 25.00 per diem plus mileage -8 miles at the current rate for February 27 Visit Eau Claire Board meeting.

Motion to approve work log and invoice made by Jennifer/sec Dean and passed.

Parks Discussion

Sherman Creek Park

Guest Dale Karls presented DNR Snapshot Wisconsin wildlife monitoring project. It is a volunteer managed partnership with the DNR to monitor wildlife year-round with trail cameras. Dale Karls is the volunteer host of the proposed project at Sherman Creek Park. Using trail cameras the project creates opportunities to better understand wildlife population and animal behavior that might otherwise be difficult to observe. The project is a minimum one year commitment but may continue longer. A motion to approve placement of the camera made by Fred/ sec Dean and passed.

Jennifer will contact the Pleasant Hill Go Getters 4 H Club to see if they are interested in mowing at Sherman Creek Park this year.

Conservancy

Tony will get updated quotes for the potential vault toilet project.

New Business

Ride Across Wisconsin takes place Saturday, July 12. The 180 mile route goes through the Town of Union but does not go by the Conservancy or Sherman Creek Park. The route appears to include Gregerson Drive, W. Cameron Street, Miller Road, County Road C, Pleasant Hill Road, and Crescent Avenue at this time. The route is subject to change per Ride Across Wisconsin's website.

Old Business

Dean gave an update on the Ayleen Bain project. The group plans to have a list of topics by the middle of April. They plan to place 5 signs at a time. It is anticipated that the first group of signs will be ready to order in June.

The Bit and Spur Club 100th Birthday Celebration is September 13, 2025.

Dean gave update from the Visit Eau Claire Board meeting on February 27. The Town's room tax receipts were down in 2024.

Kathy will work on a special events permit process for the Parks with an emphasis on commercial users providing a certificate of insurance to the Town prior to their scheduled event.

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 2 @ 9:30am

Meeting adjourned at 11:00am motion made by Kathy/ sec Jennifer and passed.