



PARKS COMMISSION MINUTES

October 07, 2024 at 4:45 PM

1260 North Road Mauston, WI

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** The Board of Park Commissioners met on Monday, October 07, 2024, at the Public Works Building. Chair Mike Taake called the meeting to order at 4:47 PM. Members present were Mike Taake, Laura Taake, Amanda Ketchum, Dan Holzberger, Todd Galbrecht, Lori Hammer, Jim Kolba. Parks Superintendent Jordan Wilke and City Administrator Daron Haugh were also present. Erin (nee) Loy attended on behalf of Mauston youth soccer.
2. **Minutes:** Dan Holzberger/Amanda Ketchum to approve minutes from September 09, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.
3. **Review Financial Reports:** Financial reports were viewed, reviewed, and generated no question or concerns.
4. **Farmers Market using Riverside Park for the 2025 season:** Mike Taake/Laura Taake to charge the Farmers Market Organization \$75 for each weekend May through October 2025 using the west section of Riverside Park. Motion carried.
5. **Goals and Needs for parks:** Mike Taake, Jordan Wilke, and youth coaches concur that Veterans Park can accommodate all baseball, softball, t-ball needs of our community. Jordan Wilke would like to see a budget item for rubber mulch added to needed areas in parks.
6. **Parks 2025 ERF (Equipment Replacement Fund):** Laura Taake/Dan Holzberger to propose to the city council to restructure Jones Park from predominantly a baseball/t-ball facility to youth soccer/football fields by reallocating (\$60,000) from the 2026 -2027 ERF to 2025 for Jones Park. Motion carried.
7. **Future plans for the parks Equipment Replacement Fund:** The Board will continue to work on the next five year phase for ERF via the budget process. Daron Haugh will continue to search out and apply for grants related to park improvements.
8. **Staff Report:** Jordan Wilke said park needs are in transition now due to fall and winter. His staff will be shutting down restrooms as soon as weather forecasts dictate. They will continue to work on tree removal and sidewalk clearance. Riverside Park hosted a GOLD celebration and fundraising BBQ. It was a great success and fun was had by many despite a very busy weekend in Juneau County.
9. **Friends of Mauston Parks:** No new items were generated.
11. **Adjourn:** Laura Taake/Todd Galbrecht to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:41PM.

Chair

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