

VILLAGE OF RIDGEWAY

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

February 01, 2022 at 6:30 PM

Ridgeway Community Center - Room 101/102 208 Jarvis Street, Ridgeway, WI 53582

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order by Chair Casper at 6:35 pm.

PRESENT: Chair Michele Casper, Kellee Venden, Julene Garner, Megan James, John McSherry, Tanner Cullen

CONFIRMATION OF OPEN MEETING

M Johnson confirmed this was a properly noticed meeting posted on **January 27, 2021**, at the Ridgeway Community Center, the Village website and Facebook page and notification sent via email/text to subscribers.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to adopt the consent agenda made by Venden, Seconded by James.

Voting Yea: Chair Casper, Venden, Garner, James, McSherry, Cullen

1. Minutes from 01.04.2022
2. Adopt this meeting's agenda
Adopt the consent agenda as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND REPORTS

B Paul mentioned that Bloomfield Manor closed.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

3. Community Garden (Hailey)
H Roessler updated the commission on the Ridgeway Garden Club's plans for spring planting and trail designation. In 2022, the club plans on adding a natural prairie and shrubs to the retention pond and maintaining the welcome home gardens and bridge garden.
4. Farmers Market Updates (Amy/Maggie)
M Johnson updated the Commission regarding the first winter farmers market on January 29th. There were 11 vendors that participated. The next market is February 12th from 10am to noon.

5. Ridgeway Volunteer Library Updates (Carol Murphy/Maggie)

1: Library updates and progress

Carol Murphy and Vickie Stangel from the Dodgeville Public Library presented feedback on the Ridgeway Volunteer Library and its first year of operation. The Dodgeville Public Library was pleased with the reception and feedback and increased usage of the interlibrary loan system available at the Ridgeway Volunteer Library. As volunteers come in, we expanded hours of operation to Monday 3-6pm, Tuesday 8-10am, Wednesday 10am-pm, and Saturday 9am-noon. In 2021, the library was open 35 weeks, over 370 people have visited, and 229 books were checked out, with 164 of them being juvenile books. Vickie Stangel updated the Commission on her retirement from the Dodgeville Public Library, and that the Dodgeville Public Library Outreach Program would still staff the library on Wednesdays. Carol Murphy will staff the morning and Maggie Johnson will staff the afternoon with Brooklyn Murphy will continue to work as the high school staff. Stangel also informed the Commission that the United Way Fund approved the grant funding for the movie license at the Ridgeway Community Center for 2022. Stangel will discuss with office staff how to have movie nights available to families in the community. The Dodgeville Library also applied for a grant to host an outdoor event to potentially kick off summer with a band, refreshments, and a story walk. Details will be finalized at a later date.

6. Park and Community Center Movie Licenses (Maggie)

M Johnson outlined the different quotes from companies for movie rentals, rental screens, and various options for outdoor movie viewing. The Commission discussed the different options presented and M James shared her experience running different outdoor movie events. M Johnson will continue to research equipment and pricing.

7. Dog Park (Maggie)

M Johnson presented different estimates she received for woven wire and galvanized chain link fencing options. Options, amenities, and accessibility were discussed. Staff will explore grant funding opportunities through the DNR and other organizations to address funding the village dog park.

8. Park and Recreation Intern (Michele/Maggie)

M Johnson presented the Park and Recreation Internship flyer. Commission members provided feedback and changes. M Johnson will make changes based on the Commission's feedback.

9. Baseball Updates (Maggie)

1: Youth baseball

2: Home Talent

M Johnson indicated that Rock Reeson and Ernie Rikli were organizing a home talent team for Ridgeway. Rock was also collecting names for participants and coaches for youth baseball. The village office has promoted youth baseball signup via Facebook, the village website, text and email subscribers. A public informational meeting will be held March 2, 2022 for youth baseball.

10. 2022 Event Planning (Michele)

1: Community survey results

Survey results were reviewed and event feedback was discussed. The Commission recommended the following 2022 events:

- 1: Easter
- 2: 4th of July
- 3: Halloween
- 4: Christmas

More details regarding 2022 events will be released at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:52 pm. Motion made by Trustee Venden, Seconded by Garner.
Voting Yea: Chair Casper Casper, Venden, Garner, James, McSherry, Cullen