

THE VILLAGE OF



RIDGWAY

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

February 07, 2023 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 6:30pm.

PRESENT: Michele Casper, Kellee Venden, Julene Garner, Braden Losby, Megan James, Lexus Barnard, and Deputy Clerk Maggie Johnson

CONFIRMATION OF OPEN MEETING

Johnson indicated this was a properly noticed meeting posted on February 6, 2023 at the Ridgeway Community Center, and the Village website with notification sent via email/text to subscribers.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Barnard, seconded by Venden to adopt the consent agenda and minutes as presented.

1. Minutes from 10.18.2022
2. Minutes from 11.1.2022
3. Adoption of Agenda

CORRESPONDENCE, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND REPORTS

4. John McSherry

Johnson mentioned John McSherry' passing and thanked him for his dedication to the Park and Recreation Commision and the Ridgeway community.

Kari Phelan was present and made a suggestion to the commision to name the village park after John McSherry. Casper mentioned the commission would take it into consideration.

5. Welcome, Braden Losby!

Casper introduced Braden Losby, the new Streets & Parks Superintendent.

6. Iowa County Snowmobile Alliance Fundraiser - The Ridge Bar & Grill

Johnson mentioned the 600 block of Main Street will be closed Saturday, February 11th from 8am to 5pm for the Iowa County Snowmobile Alliance fundraiser at the Ridge Bar & Grill.

The village office and the Marshal have communicated to business and residents that will be affected.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

7. Appointing Melissa Hooks

Melissa Hooks was appointed to the Park & Rec Commission to a term expiring April 2023.

8. Farmers Market Updates

Amber Chitwood was present to give a farmers market update. Amber mentioned the first winter market on February 4th had around 20 vendors and the day went very well. The next winter market is February 18th from 10am-12pm.

9. Holiday Helper Recap (Michele)

Casper gave a recap of the Holiday Celebration/Holiday Helpers. Overall, the Holiday Celebration went very well and the parade was a hit with those who attended. \$10,737 was raised at the silent auction. Casper also mentioned 50+ deliveries were made to Village and Town of Ridgeway residents in need.

10. Winter Library and Open Gym Hours (Maggie)

Johnson gave an update on the library and open gym hours. Library weekend hours have been changed from Sundays to Saturdays from 9am-12pm.

11. Community Center Rental Updates (Maggie)

Johnson presented the room rental rates for the upstairs rooms at the community center. Commissions did not make any changes as the rates have been decided by the Board of Trustees.

12. Library Updates (Maggie)

Johnson presented the 2022 library statistics. Johnson noted that the community center was closed for five months due to construction, which impacted numbers. 832 adults and 448 children visited the library in 2022.

13. Dog Park Updates (Maggie)

Johnson gave an update on the dog park. \$626.96 has been raised so far for agility equipment and commissioners will look at purchasing equipment later.

14. Vibrant Spaces Grant

Johnson noted the village office submitted the vibrant spaces grant to make updates to the village green space on Main Street. The grant winners will be announced on May 1st.

15. Home Talent Baseball Sponsorship (Maggie/Michele)

Johnson presented the 2023 Home Talent schedule. Casper will meet with the coaches to discuss the 2023 season. Details will be finalized later.

16. Youth Baseball (Maggie)

Johnson presented the youth baseball sign up form. Commissioners made no changes to the form and the office will publish it soon.

17. Community Movie - February 18th (Megan/Maggie)

James and Johnson presented the community movie flyer. A craft and the concession stand will begin at 5:30pm and the movie at 6:30pm.

18. 2023 Event Planning (Maggie/Michele)

The commission decided the event dates for 2023:

Easter: Friday, April 7th

4th of July Celebration: Sunday, July 2nd

Halloween: Sunday, October 29th

Holiday Celebration: Saturday, December 9th

19. Easter

The commission discussed the Easter Celebration. The event will be held on Friday, April 7th. Details will be finalized later.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Garner, Seconded by Barnard to adjourn at 8:59pm.