



PARKS COMMISSION MINUTES

July 01, 2024 at 4:45 PM
1260 North Road Mauston, WI

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call-** The Board of Park Commissioners met on Monday, July 01, 2024, in the meeting room at the Public Works Building. Chair Mike Taake called the meeting to order at 4:55 PM. The members present were Mike Taake, Laura Taake, Amanda Ketchum, and Lori Hammer. The members absent were Jim Kolba, Todd Galbrecht, Dan Holzberger. Also present was Parks Superintendent Jordan Wilke.
2. **Discussion and action relating to Minutes-** The motion was made by Amanda Ketchum and seconded by Laura Taake to approve the minutes from the June 3, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.
3. **Review Financial Reports-** Financial reports were reviewed and generated no questions or concerns.
4. **Park Commission continued the meeting at Marachowsky Park -** Jordan and crew continue to monitor ash trees within the park with treatment and or removal of said trees due to emerald ash borer. The basketball court gets a fair share of activity and needs repairs and improvements. In addition, the old backdrop and metal benches need to be removed as the t-ball field is no longer used. The t-ball greenspace has given way to a living food pantry. Jordan said the fruit trees and berry plants are thriving. These will soon supply a bountiful harvest for years to come. Jordan is looking into signage at the living food pantry that will provide rules and regulations and recognition to the many entities that helped make it possible. The storage shed/restroom has been remodeled and is being properly utilized once again.

Park Commission continued the meeting at Riverside Park - Jordan pointed out that the shelters are getting much use and upkeep. He is monitoring the many trees along the river for pruning, removing, and replanting as time permits. Jordan and crew are looking into staining the band shelter using the new paint sprayer. The chipper continues to make the necessary mulch used throughout the parks. Jordan and crew will be painting the restrooms as time and weather permits. Music in the Park and the Farmers Market continues to bring in many people.
5. **Friends of Mauston Parks-** No new items were generated.
6. **Adjourn-** The motion was made by Laura Taake and seconded by Amanda Ketchum to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Chair

Date