

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

May 02, 2024 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 6:32pm.

PRESENT: Michele Casper, Julene Garner, Kellee Venden, Lexus Barnard, Melissa Hooks, Braden Losby and Deputy Clerk Shyanne Cushman.

ABSENT: Megan James

Ridgeway Farmers Market Manager, Amy McKernan

CONFIRMATION OF OPEN MEETING

Cushman indicated this was a properly noticed meeting posted on April 30, 2024 at the Ridgeway Community Center, and the Village website with notification sent via email/text to subscribers.

MEETING AGENDA

- 1. Meeting Agenda
- 2. Minutes from 4/16/2024

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

CORRESPONDENCE, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND REPORTS

3. Yoga Classes

Cushman presented that Deb Weier would like to do 3 free classes once per month at the Community Center this summer.

4. Youth Baseball Field

Casper announced with the widening of County Hwy. T, Birch Lake Park is closed. Therefore, our youth field will be used more. Tyler Goebel reached out to her to schedule the field. Cushman also presented that Dustin Alfred's team has already started utilizing the field.

5. Ballpark Project Update

Casper announced poles have been delivered, but the weather has delayed getting them set in the ground. Therefore, no power is connected to the bathrooms, concession stand and ball diamonds. Not sure yet on the timeframe. Losby also announced the parking lot at the Depot is torn out and weather permitting, it will be poured next week.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

6. Farmers Market & Billboard Updates

McKernan said the billboard will be up by Monday, May 13 on Hwy. 18/151. It also was discussed as a committee to plan on no power at bathrooms, concession stand, vendors and music at first Farm Market. We will be relying on generators for necessary vendors/music. Port-a-potties we be brought in for the May 12th Farmers Market.

7. 4th of July Event Planning

Casper presented details for the 4th of July Celebration on June 29. It was decided to change the name to the Independence Day Celebration since it is not going to be on July 4th. Casper and Cushman shared the day-of timeline, advertising, t-shirt, social and park prep details.

8. Pickleball Update

Cushman presented a discussion about implementing a Pickleball membership. It would be based on your first time is free. After that a donation or daily fee and for those interested, a membership, with a monthly/yearly fee. The membership would include play times while the Community Center is open, but around scheduled Open Gym and any Rentals. With summer weather upon us, there has been a decline in attendance, but we will relook at this possibility later in the fall.

9. Veteran's Memorial Update

Casper presented the American Legion's plans to help raise money for the Veterans Memorial.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Venden, seconded by Barnard to adjourn at 8:39pm.