

MEETING MINUTES - CITY OF TOMAH

The City of Tomah **Parks & Recreation Commission (PRC)** met on Monday Jan 23, 2023 at 5:58p.m. in City Council Chambers. The meeting notice was posted at City Hall in compliance with the provisions of Section 19.84 Wisconsin Statutes.

Call to order and roll call; present: Dir. Joe Protz, Oak Moser, Lamont Kiefer, Josephine Piper (remotely), Dean Peterson, Dustin Powell, Donna Evans, DeDe Nelson

The following members were absent: Shirley Galstad-Roh

Others in attendance: Tony Worden, Don Vandermullen, Rebecca Deist, Scott Hurd, Chris Singer, Ed Singer, Martha Airth-Kindree

1. Act on Minutes of 11/28/22 regular meeting. A motion by Moser, and second by Kiefer, to accept the minutes of the Nov 28, 2022, regular meeting. Motion carried.
2. North American Squirrel Association (nasa) for potential T.E.A.C.H. Center and possible land allocation: nasa (and members of BREATHE and AmVets) were present and presented info on an equine-assisted therapy program and potential facility to rent to BREATHE (a current provider of equine-assisted programs). There was much discussion, questions, etc...and may details yet to be determined. nasa is interested in raising funds to support planning, building of a facility on city owned property to be operated by BREATHE and support equine-assisted therapy for many people in the surrounding communities, as well as be a facility to host other events. To begin fundraising/planning, the groups present were requesting that some land appropriate for this use be designated as a site. Motion by Moser, second by Piper, to recommend consideration by City Council of designating appropriate land (suggested by the groups was a 31-acre parcel on Cty A owned by the City) for this use to permit them to pursue planning, business plans, and a more complete proposal for consideration. Motion carried.
3. Winnebago Park Entrance Sign: Dir Protz reviewed a proposed, updated sign for Winnebago Park Entrance. With some minor modifications regarding naming of features from private donations, motion by Kiefer, second by Peterson, to approve purchase/installation of proposed sign. Motion carried.
4. Park and Rec Program Report: Dir Protz reviewed the most recent Parks Program Report.
5. Discussed any affairs and business of the Tomah Parks and Recreation Department. None presented.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:00PM. Next regular meeting to be held Feb 27, 2022, @ 5:45PM, City Council Chambers.

Respectfully Submitted: Oak Moser, Jan 25, 2023.