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PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

Wed, Apr 21, 2021 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CDT)

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/852566573>

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Access Code: 852-566-573

I. Call to Order

- a. Roll Call
- b. Agenda Modification
- c. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Approval of January 27, 2021 and February 24 Minutes

II. Public Comment Period

III Information Items

- Parks Projects Updates
- Recreation Updates
- Urban Forestry

IV. Business Items:

- o Presentation by Northwest Wisconsin Lung Alliance
- o Presentation by Northland College Sustainable Community Development - East End Park Community Visioning Program Result.
- o Approval to Apply for a DNR Recreational Trails Grant for the Ashland Rails to Trails System Improvements: Waterfront Trail Stabilization
- o Approval to Apply for a WDNR Land and Water Conservation Grant for the Ashland Oredock Redevelopment: Pedestrian Access

V. Next Meeting Date

VI. Comments and Questions

VII. Adjourn

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PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wed, March 24, 2021 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CDT)

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/592219277>

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I. Call to Order

- a. Roll Call
In attendance: Mike Amman, Meghan Salmon-Tumas, Kevin Haas, Sarah Jackson,
Late: Dave Ullman, Kelly Westlund, Dawayne Lampson
- b. Agenda Modification
none
Agenda approved unanimously
- c. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Approval of January 27, 2021 and February 24 Minutes
Approval carries unanimously

II. Public Comment Period

III Information Items

- Parks Projects Updates
 - o Pavilion reservation start today (3/24/21)
 - Simanovsky shares 15 reservations made on first day! Good start.
 - o BV Beach and Pier will be closed until further notice for erosion control (Unified Command made the call)
 - o Smelting is expected to start at any time
 - o Unified Command gave the OK to allow ballfield to be used this summer, bathrooms/showers to be open (cleaned 2/day) and tent and RV camping.
 - o Joint Finance Committee being asked by Hudson to vote on money for building new boat launch on SuperFund site
 - o Ashland Rails to Trails (Arts) and Connector trail going up to bid in April
- Recreation Updates
 - o **Earth Day Celebration** – City Staff are hosting an Arbor Day Celebration and Earth Day Clean Up on April 24, 2021 at the H. Pearson Plaza Park. Two apple trees will be planted for the Arbor Day Ceremony. All city departments chipped on money to purchase 70 t-shirts to hand out to volunteers.
 - o **BCC Usage Sign Up** – APR staff is finally got approval from Unified Command to have the public reserve times to use the BCC for walking, basketball shoot around, indoor playground, etc. this spring.

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- **Softball** – staff met with U10-U14 Girls Softball coaches to start planning the spring season (May – June)
- **Summer Program Planning** - Rowan Koester-Jess has agreed to return as our Assistant Recreation Coordinator. Staff are starting to work on summer program planning.
- Urban Forestry
 - Quotes for tree replanting are due by March 26, 2021
 - PW Crew has started to remove trees on the problem tree list, all homeowners have been notified.

VI. Business Items:

- Discussion and Possible Action on participating in “No Mow May”
 - The City Council is discussing participating in a “No Mow May” encouraging landowners to not mow their lawns in the month of May, encouraging plant/flower growth for newly emerging/returning pollinator species. Numerous communities across the State, Nation and World participate in the campaign. The Parks and Recreation Director is seeking a list of suggested parks/recreation spaces to not mow during the month of May.
 - Amman asks if it would create problems mowing in June due to long grass
 - Jackson speaks in favor of no-mow, says that for pollinators to benefit, would need to not mow all month
 - Ullman agrees with Jackson
 - Salmon-Tumas agrees with No-Mow
 - Westlund is ambivalent and notes that tick populations could get higher when grass is longer
 - Hudson agrees that tick populations are a concern; Pearson Plaza could probably wait to mow bcs it grows slowly; ball fields need to be maintained for safety, but city could delay mowing those as much as possible
 - Lampson supports with exception of ball fields (safety concerns)
 - Amman asks about savings and other work that public works go do in May instead of mowing
 - Hudson answers that replacing wood chips and painting tables are always needed, native planting and trail maintenance and invasive species removal also needed now.
 - Salmon-Tumas asks if there could be enough savings to fund signage about why we are doing it
 - Hudson agrees that posters and newsletter blasts are an important element
 - Westlund moves to recommend No-Mow May on all parks except ball fields and Pearson Plaza
 - Jackson seconds
 - Motion carries unanimously
- Approval of a Grant from Wisconsin Coastal Management Program for the Kreher Park Redevelopment : Public Access Trail
 - In 2019 the City submitted a grant to Wisconsin Coastal Management for the construction of a pedestrian trail along the old railroad corridor south of a Superfund Site. The grant was awarded in 2020, but the project had to go thru the NOAA NEPA process. The attached grant contract is to official accept the monetary award. This is a 2021 project. Some work will be done in-house by the PW crew, bids for asphalt will go out in April.
 - Jackson moves to approve
 - Ullman seconds

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- Motion carries unanimously
- Approval to Sign a Cooperative Service Agreement with USDA Wildlife Services for Canada Goose Management
 - The City is seeking approval to enter into an agreement with the USDA Wildlife Services for Canada goose management as part of the WDNR Urban Wildlife Abatement grant. This 50/50 grant awarded the City \$1000 to be used towards contracting with USDA to locate, map and oil Canada goose nests within Ashland City limits between Maslowski beach and Bayview Beach. The City has budget \$1000 to match this grant. Total cost of the contract is \$1,300.
 - Amman moves to approve the agreement
 - Lampson seconds
 - Motion carries unanimously

V. Next Meeting Date

Apr. 21st 5pm

VI. Comments and Questions

Parks tour planned in May

VII. Adjourn

Move to adjourn by Jackson, second by Ullman, motion carries unanimously.

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III Information Items

- Parks Projects Updates
 - Campgrounds, Bathrooms and Pavilions will be opening at or around May 15, 2021, as long as the weather cooperates.
- Recreation Updates
 - **Earth Day Celebration** – City Staff are hosting an Arbor Day Celebration and Earth Day Clean Up on April 24, 2021 at the H. Pearson Plaza Park. Two apples trees will be planted for the Arbor Day Ceremony. All city departments chipped on money to purchase 70 t-shirts to hand out to volunteers.
 - **Babe Ruth** – APR was approached to take over registrations and organization of Ashland Babe Ruth this year.
 - **Summer Rec Programming** – APR Staff have been getting lots of phone calls about summer programs. The departments hopes of have our offering finalized and open registrations by Mid-May
 - **HVAC Installation** – the new HVAC installation is 98% complete at the BCC
 - **MOU** – APR staff is working on updating the MOU with the Ashland School District and Ashland Little League for use of City amenities/facilities.
- Urban Forestry
 - The City Received 2 tree quotes. Both quotes came in over budget. APR Director is looking into purchase fewer trees from 150 trees to 100 trees.

IV. Business Items:

- **Presentation by Northwest Wisconsin Lung Health Alliance**
 - Charmaine Swan and Chue Lee Chang from the Northwest Wisconsin Lung Health Alliance, will present about a Tobacco Usage in City of Ashland Parks survey that was done this winter. Chue is an intern working with the Alliance and a senior at Northland College. Charmaine is the Specialist | Public Policy & Advocacy for the NW Wisconsin Lung Health Alliance
- **Presentation by Northland College Sustainable Community Development - East End Park Community Visioning Program Result.**

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- Nicole Foster, professor of Sustainable Community Development at Northland College, and her Community Sustainability Students will present the results of the East End Park Community Visioning Session that was held at the East End Skating Rink on April 10 from 10am-Noon. Approximately 30 people showed up for the event.
- **Approval to Apply for a DNR Recreational Trails Grant for the Ashland Rails to Trails System Improvements: Waterfront Trail Stabilization**
 - The Parks and Recreation Department is seeking approval to apply for a WDNR Recreation Trails Program (RTP) Grant for improvements to the Ashland Rails to Trails System (ARTS). This grant would be used stabilize the sloughing bank near the intersection of the Waterfront Trail and Sanborn Avenue. Please see attached map and photos. The damage to shoreline was noticed last fall and spring thaw has caused additional sloughing. It is estimated that this section of shoreline will need approximately 35 dump truck loads of extra heavy rip rap at \$750.00/load to stabilize the shoreline and rental of a long arm excavator to perform the work, estimated to cost \$15,000. The budget also includes repaving of 450' of trail. This section of the trail is not being reconstructed in 2021 as part of the WisDOT TAP grant. If awarded this would be a 2022 project based on project work load and match funding. It is estimated the project would cost a ~ \$62,000. The City would be asking to fund \$ 31,000.00 Fund 453 Waterfront Development 2022 CIP and \$ 31,000.00 DNR RTP Grant.
- **Approval to Apply for a WDNR Land and Water Conservation Grant for the Ashland Oredock Redevelopment: Pedestrian Access**
 - City Staff is seeking approval to apply for a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCP) Program for the Ashland Oredock Redevelopment: Diamond Access and Pedestrian Access. DNR Grant Specialists suggested the City of Ashland to apply for LWCF to try and fulfill that gap. Please see attached sheet. Staff estimates the reconstruction of the Ashland Rails to Trails System (ARTS) from Willis Avenue North to 9th Avenue East past the Ashland Oredock to be ~\$50,000.

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Project total request would be for \$350,000 (\$300K diamond access, \$50K trail). So the grant request would be \$175,000 with a 50/50 match.



Site Photos:

Ashland Rails to
Trails System
(ARTS)
Waterfront Trail
Section at
the intersection
of Sanborn Ave
and US Hwy 2.



Ashland Oredock Redevelopment Project: Diamond Access Funding

Funding***	Amount Requested	Amount Received	Match %	Match Source(s)	Match Amt
DNR LWCF/Stewardship (2018) Grant	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	50%	Trust	\$ 150,000.00
Otto Bremer Foundation Grant	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	0	Trust	\$ -
Wisconsin Coastal Management Grant	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	60%	Trust	\$ 90,000.00
DNR Stewardship (2019 awarded 4/21)	\$300,000.00		50%	Trust/SFR	\$ 124,500.00
USFWS SFR (2020 awarded 2/21) Grant	\$50,757.00		49%	DNR/Trust	\$ 48,895.80
WCM (2017 Grant, construction docs)	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00	60%	NA	NA
Trust Allocation	\$1,600,000.00	\$1,600,000.00	NA	NA	
				Match	\$ 413,395.80
Funding Total	\$2,630,757.00	\$2,280,000.00			
TBD Sources	\$286,223.00	\$636,980.00			
GRAND TOTAL	\$2,916,980.00	\$2,916,980.00			

Ashland Oredock Redevelopment: Diamond Access Projected Costs

Project/Phase	Year Implemented	Year Completed	Estimated Cost	Actual Cost	Notes
Ashland Oredock Improvemens Phase 1	2018	2020	\$658,615.00	\$461,946.90	includes Construction Admin and Construction Costs
Phase 1: Diamond Access Part 2*	2021-2022		\$1,800,000.00		includes \$190K for contingency
Phase 1: Diamond Access Part 2** Bridge	2021-2022		\$310,000.00		
Phase 1 Consulting, Engineering, CA Fees	2021-2022		\$148,365.00		
Estimated Project Total 1 + 2A			\$2,916,980.00		

Ashland Oredock Phase 2: Stuntz Ave Access is estimated to cost ~\$2,000,000. The City was awarded Army Corps of Engineers Sec 154 Funds of \$1,000,000 for this phase, the Trust as allocated an additional \$1,000,000 towards the project.

*Phase 1 Part 2 is the elevated walkway extending down the east side of the Oredock, with a lookout at the end. This is the base bid

**Phase 1 Park 2 is the elevated walkway extending down the east side of the Oredock until halfway, then a steel bridge , to cross to the west side with a walkway to the end with a lookout at the end. This is going to be the alternate or add on bid. If the bid does not

come in within the cost, it will be removed, saving the project budget \$310,000 and making the total project budget align with the funding budget

****DNR Funding was applied for in 2019 for \$300K with no word from the JFC the application was pulled, reapplied in 2020 for \$249K to DNR Stewardship.

*** This does not take into account any Oredock Donations or fundraising efforts

updated 9.21.2020