

**Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2016**

1. **Call to order.**

Chair Kolk called the June 16, 2016 meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources Committee to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Community Room of the McFarland Municipal Center.

Members Present: Chair Dan Kolk, Kate Barrett, John Feldner, Chuck Rolfsmeyer, Rick Ruecking, Judy Sauer, Jacob Schkirkie, Greg Smith, Clair Utter and Darrel Waldera

Members Absent: Jacob Tisue

Staff Present: Pauline Boness, Allan Coville and Linda Dieckhoff

Others Present: Tom Gannon, Mark Roffers of MD Roffers

2. **Public Comments.** None

3. **Review and possible approval of draft Minutes of the Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Committee meeting of May 19, 2016.**

Motion by Barrett, second by Ruecking, to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2016 meeting as amended. Motion carried 10-0.

4. **Discussion and possible recommendation regarding parkland dedication for Prairie Place.**

Tom Gannon gave an overview of the proposed Prairie Place development, including park plans, wetland dedication, and the need for a variance from CARPC in order to meet the 75 foot buffer from wetlands.

The development will continue the Eco Park from Veridian's development to County Trunk Highway MN. The park area will be more passive because of wetland issue.

The type of homes will be medium to high income. There will be some entry level/starter homes. There also will be some restricted covenants.

Since the parkland dedication will be part of the prairie restoration, this will be a more passive park area with no playground equipment. The developer will be responsible for maintenance until 80 percent is built out.

Boness asked how the public would benefit. Gannon said the public would benefit and owners that abut to area will consider this very important. Want this to be a passive environmental park.

Committee reviewed the preliminary park fee analysis handed out.

Boness indicated that Lots 11 and 12 across the road, owned by Gannon, abut to the cemetery. A possibility is that Tom designate these lots as parkland and the village could eventually turn this over to the cemetery.

After considerable discussion, the Committee would like some parkland that would include a playground area for children. A possibility would be to expand Outlot 2 or use Lots 55 & 56.

5. **Discussion and possible recommendation regarding the Comprehensive Plan Update.**

Comprehensive Plan Results from Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Committee is part of the minutes.

6. **Public Works Director update.**

Director update report placed on file.

Coville indicated that the Village portion of the Lower Yahara Trail has been completed. Currently waiting for info from Dane County on how they want the trail marked.

In reference to the Grandview Conservancy Trail, Coville indicated that the Village hired archeologist did not find anything, and the report has been forwarded on for state review.

Kate indicated that cottonwood trees are native trees and research shows that these trees support butterflies and moths. We are Bird City and cottonwoods are not trash trees.

Rick Ruecking would like the dog park to be placed on next month's agenda due to conflicts with dog problems, signage and police involvement. We should also possibly meet at the dog park next month.

7. **Adjournment. Motion** by Rolfsmeyer, second by Barrett, to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Motion carried 10-0 by acclamation.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda L. Dieckhoff
Public Works/Utilities Clerk