

**VILLAGE OF NEW AUBURN
PARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.**

The Parks Commission meeting of the Village Board, Village of New Auburn, was held on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 6:00 pm at the Village Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to kickoff the Outdoor Recreation Plan for which the Village Board approved with West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission required for a grant.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at Trustee Berg at 6:04 pm. Answering roll call were Shannon Berg, McKenzie Berg, Mary Garfinkle, and Dalton Hinke. Absent: Gary Pitts. Staff present was Clerk-Treasurer Ardith Story. Guest Speaker: Landon Profaizer, WCWRPC Representative. Others present: Dawn Tio.

2. Welcome and Introductions

3. Plan Scope and Process

Review of the plan scope: The development of an outdoor recreation plan includes key plan components of conditions, trends, inventory, needs assessment, goals, recommendations, and implementation (i.e., improvements, costs, resources, timing) which were all reviewed. A generalized focus on public owned outdoor recreational facilities and a 5-year-action plan were both discussed.

Grant Review: Grants can be applied for up to (5) five years although must be approved by the Village Board. Currently the available grants are four stewardship grants for nature-based outdoor recreation, LWCF may fund active outdoor recreation, and RTP for trails (for rivers, trails, and parks). Most grants offer 50% cost share. The LUG grant has a May 1st deadline. NCO's may apply for grants to assist with fund land acquisition and conservation easements for nature based outdoor rec (Nov 19th deadline).

Timeline:

- i. **Dec-2021:** Confirm the parks commission will serve as a steering committee that will guide plan development, provide input on plan section, and review relevant plan materials.
- ii. **Jan-2022:** Develop background data and initial maps
- iii. **Jan-2022:** Meeting #1 Kickoff – Discuss process and approach, review data obtained through 2021 Community Values Survey, identify community recreation issues and opportunities
- iv. **Jan & Feb 2022:** Interview village staff, county contacts, for supply update and potential strategies. Review related plans (SCORP, County ORP, existing park plans, village comprehensive plan) and integrate into the plan
- v. **March 16, 2022:** Meeting #2 Recap issues and opportunities discussed at Meeting #1, review and discuss data gathered through the interviews and related plans. Invite the public to come and participate in sharing their input on the future of the village's park and recreation system.
- vi. **March 2022:** Compile full draft plan and distribute to village staff, then steering committee for review.
- vii. **April 2022:** Meeting #3: Discuss draft plan, with particular attention on the plan recommendations and development of a general implementation schedule. Prioritize project recommendations. WCWRPC will modify the plan based on comments received.
- viii. **April 2022:** Submit final plan to Village Board for adoption. WCWRPC will provide a model resolution for village consideration.
- ix. Submit adopted plan to WDNR for acceptance.
- x. **May 2022:** Plan sections will be integrated into social media and the Village website.

4. Community Trends

Infographics, demographics, recreational expenditures, and patterns as well as sports and leisure market potential were all reviewed and discussed.

5. Issues and Opportunities

6. Next Steps

The public will be invited and encouraged to attend the next meeting on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 6:00 pm. Discussion of the wants/needs of the community including a Splashpad, Community Center, RV campsites, ATV loading/unloading dock, sidewalks, and more. Flyers will be mailed to village residents as well social media posts.

7. Adjourn: 7:35 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Trustees Berg/Hinke. All aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

Prepared By: Ardith Story,
Municipal Clerk-Treasurer