

# VILLAGE OF NEW AUBURN

## Village Park Committee

Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

The Village of New Auburn Village Park Committee met for at the New Auburn Village Hall, 130 E. Elm St., New Auburn, WI 54757.

1. **Call to Order.** At 5:00 p.m. Chair Dwain Trowbridge called the meeting to order.
2. **Roll Call.** Park Committee members in attendance were Tiffany Goodremote, Village President (VP) Shannon Berg, and Board Trustee (BT) Gary Pitts. There were no members absent. There was a quorum in attendance.  
Staff in attendance were Village Administrator-Clerk-Deputy Treasurer (ACDT) Bradley Hanson and Village Treasurer-Deputy Clerk (TDC) Teresa Dachel.
3. **Public Comments.** There were no public in attendance.
4. **2025 – 2027 Village Park Improvement Project.**
  - a. American Legion’s Veteran’s Memorial project update. ACDT Hanson provided a brief detail on the actual size display of the American Legion’s proposed Veteran’s Memorial main stone with the six branches of the military emblems engraved on with one flag pole. No action.
  - b. Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation’s (WEDC) Vibrant Spaces (VS) Grant update. ACDT Hanson submitted the grant yesterday with assistance from West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (WCWRPC) Chris Straight with a connectivity focus. There were about an equal amount of positives and negatives discussed with the Committee with reasons to apply for the VS Grant this year that if unsuccessful has set us up with a template for the next few years, which cost the Village just staff time and nothing out of pocket.
  - c. Wetland requirements for proposed improvements. The only improvements planned today for the Outdoor Recreation Aids (ORA), and if awarded the VS, grants that would be impacted by wetlands is the trail. The Village can connect the Veteran’s Memorial from Park St as previously planned and continue south for about 110’ total length from Park St. Also, the trail can be started from Park St and go to about 110’ to the west of Dollar General’s (DG) east property fence line. At these two points is where the wetlands begin. To be able to connect them, the Village would have to go through a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources variance request. Specifications have been obtained for both concrete and asphalt development of somatic transportation (ST), which includes trails as designed by previously by the Village.  
Village President Berg requested the six-foot (6’) ST (sidewalk) be included from the bathroom to the bridge crossing the drainage creek and possibly connecting to the Pavilion.
  - d. Design of Bathroom and possible storm shelter for Outdoor Recreation Grant update. Met with Dwain and discussed the reduction as requested by the Board of Trustees, and have a smaller footprint idea that could be just a bathroom or the combination of bathroom / storm shelter. Revised plan is only 2’ wider than the current bathroom’s footprint and about the same length. VP Berg recommended

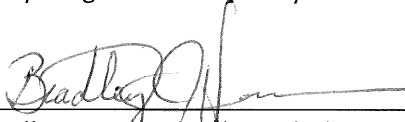
increasing the hallway by two-feet (2') so that there could be included a bench and remove any potential windows due to previous vandalism.

TDC Dachel discussed the details on the reimbursement for the ORA Grant only. The materials would be reimbursed at 50%, and so will volunteer labor, however the volunteer labor cannot exceed the reimbursed amount for the materials.

Motion by Pitts and seconded by Goodremote to design a new Village Park bathroom with hallway that could be possibly used as storm shelter with the dimensions of at least 14' by 20', to include the hallway (storm shelter) / waiting area, concrete bench, one sink and one drinking fountain with bottle filler in the hallway (storm shelter) / waiting area. Motion carried.

5. **Highschool Tennis Courts / Pickel ball Courts.** Consensus by the Committee to consider both Pickelball and a full-court Basketball court at the Village Park.
6. **Ice Age Trail Community information.** Chair Trowbridge believed was going to be too expensive to participate and promote the Village with the Ice Age Trail.
7. **Michael Perry Performance November 16, 2024 review.** TDC Dachel reviewed the revenue generated so far with fundraisers and more specifically the results of the Michael Perry performance / event and included concerns raised on the admission prices not being enough.
8. **Future Meetings – Next Regular Park Committee Meeting is Tuesday, January 21, 2024.**
9. **Adjourn.** At 6:08 p.m. motion by Berg and seconded by Pitts to adjourn. Motion carried.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Bradley J Hanson, Village Clerk-Deputy Treasurer