

**New Auburn Park Committee Meeting
Tuesday March 11th, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.**

Park Chairman Dwain Trowbridge called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

In attendance was Tiffany Goodremote, Shannon Berg, Village Administrator/Clerk Brad Hanson, Village Treasure/Deputy clerk Teresa Dachel. Absent was Gary Pitts and Public Works Garrett Larson.

There were no public comments.

VAC Hanson read our current donation policy and presented the recommended changes. He is asking for a simpler donation letter fit for all donation types. He will present it to the village Board at the regular meetings on Thursday March 13th, for approval. Park board is in favor of the simpler letter.

VAC Hanson presented a visual for the wetland area of the park, with the thought of drain tile with the new fill going in to keep the areas of concern drier and make the area more ADA compliant. There was concern over the fill going to be used being too much clay and that the drain tile may not work properly.

Park Committee recommended that VAC Hanson use color coding with the master plan so that the community has a better idea of what and where plans fall. Discussion also took place about adding pickleball back into the master plan and possibly using the area of the old 1/2 court basketball court or maybe the old volleyball court, depending on where and if the sizing would work.

Tiffany Goodremote motioned, and Trowbridge seconded to approve VAC Hanson color coding and adding the Pickleball court back into the master plan. All in favor, motion carried.

PW Larson was asking if we thought about maybe restoring the wetland part of the park creek back into native plants/possible wildlife, it could help with slowing down the movement of the water and eliminate mowing in that part. The park committee recommended not doing that as it would cause water pooling, insects, stagnant water, and we have many kids playing down there in the summer.

We are just waiting on information from Citizens Connected to continue with our application for the REDLG loan/grant.

Applied for the vibrant spaces grant, we should be hearing if we got it sometime around March 24th.

We missed the filing date for the 2026 Senator Baldwin grant, but gave VAC Hanson the go-ahead to apply for not next year.

Discussion of the Volleyball court condition was had; it would be costly to update everything that is in rough shape or broken, and the use of it has gone down significantly. Currently, we have decided to remove the outside fencing, repurposing the chain link fence for future use in that area, possibly pickleball. Motion by Berg, second by Goodremote, to remove fencing and repurpose. Trowbridge Nay...motion carried.

David Skaw from Northland Builders approached the Village about a week ago asking what vision/plans we had for our future new bathroom in the park, we at that time gave a brief vision and he said to let him get back to us. VTDC Dachel was excited to announce to the Park Committee that David got back to her, and they have decided to donate the engineering as well as all the building materials for the new ADA

compliant bathrooms. All we will have to do now is build, get a plumber, electrician and do the concrete. PW Larson will demo the old cinder block bathroom upon the removal of all electrical wires and etc.

May 3rd, Max's on the lake will be holding their annual Kentucky Derby with the proceeds coming back to the Park Committee for their park projects. Park Committee members will need to get out and start collecting donations to make raffle baskets for the event. Trowbridge has already begun with all his Store vendors, and the rest will venture out into the community soon.

Meeting adjourned by Trowbridge at 6:10 p.m.

Signed: Shannon Berg
Shannon Berg, Park Committee Secretary and Village President