

Crosslake Park, Recreation, and Library Commission Minutes

Wednesday September 25, 2024

Crosslake Community Center 2:00pm

Present: Chair Peter Graves, Heather Jones, Ann Schrupp (via zoom), Mary Jo Fritsvold, Kristin Graham, Kera Porter, Parks, and Recreation Director TJ Graumann

Not in attendance: City Council Liaison Jackson Purfeerst

- I. Meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm

- II. Approval of Minutes
Motion to approve minutes of June 26 meeting.
Mary Jo/Kristen Favor: All Opposed: None

- III. Approval of Minutes
Motion to approve minutes of August 28 meeting.
Mary Jo/Kristen Favor: All Opposed: None

- IV. Old Business - none

- V. New Business
 - A) Hillcrest Beach ROW – the new property owners on the east side of the ROW contacted TJ around July 4 claiming people were repelling down the bluff of the ROW. TJ checked it out and it does appear that is what people were doing. A week or so ago TJ received a call from Jason Baca, a property owner on the inside lots, claiming that the foot traffic is not what caused the erosion, that Mr. Varley caused it with the equipment he used for landscaping. This ROW is set to be marked as a Viewing Vista. TJ will check with the attorneys about liability with the use on this ROW. We discussed looking into the possibility of adding a bench and signs indicating that use of the hill is prohibited.

 - B) Ginseng Beach ROW – ROW at the end of Anchor Point where Whitefish and Rush connect, it is used by fishing boats, small vessels, and dock companies for lake access. WAPOA found starry stonewort by the access. City Council voted to have the access blocked with rocks and there is a roped off area in the water as well. We discussed if there was anything additional we could do about the situation, city council has a handle on it. We also discussed the possibility of other ROW accesses being shut down. No action was taken.

- C) Trail Masterplan Discussion – SS4A Grant (safe streets 4 all) was awarded to the LAKES Foundation to plan for the future trails. It is a \$200,000 grant. We will continue to be updated as the project progresses.
- D) 2025 Fall Festival Planning – TJ wants to do a festival with Art in the Park, pumpkin carving, hayrides, and more. Looking at mid-October 2025.
- E) Park Dedication Consideration, 12584 Co Rd 16 –
Motion to accept cash in lieu of land for this property split.
Heather/Kera Favor: All Opposed: None

VI) Other Business

A) Updates

- i. SS4A Grant, LAKES Foundation – discussed in new business.
 - ii. Phase 1 masterplan Estimates – TJ received preliminary numbers. West parking lot with trail to courts is appx \$185,000, and the four pickleball courts are appx \$90,000. Pickleball donations are at about \$70,000, plus the pickleball revenue of about \$30,000. The lot and trail funds will come from Park Dedication funds and the Cap Fund balance.
 - iii. 2025 Draft Budget – Park budget will include phase 1, replacing mowers (with a potential grant from Sourcewell), and resurface tennis and basketball courts.
 - iv. Staffing – They have conducted four interviews, two good candidates. TJ is working with the personnel committee to figure it out.
- B) Comments from the commission – Kristin commented on how much fun her grandkids had at the park over the holidays.
 - C) Pequot Lakes Community Education Update –Joell was in attendance to give us updates. Homecoming is coming up with festivities all week. The fall show is CLUE, opening October 10. There is a sale on Patriot gear right now. They had 30 t-ball kids playing, aged 3-4.
 - i. Community Education Opportunities in Crosslake – TJ and Joelle are talking and will continue to work on this.

- VII) Open Forum – Robyn Sylvester, current city Council candidate was in attendance. She thanked the commission for all their work. Peter mentioned the need for a city council liaison.

VIII) Adjourn
Motion to adjourn at 2:55.
Kristin/Kera

Favor: All

Opposed: None