

Crosslake Park, Recreation, and Library Commission Minutes

Wednesday December 18, 2024

Crosslake Community Center 2:00pm

Present: Chair Peter Graves, Kristin Graham, Ann Schrupp, Mary Jo Fritsvold, Parks, and Recreation Director TJ Graumann

Not in attendance: Heather Jones, Kera Porter, City Council Liaison Jackson Purfeerst

- I. Meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm
- II. Approval of Minutes  
**Motion to approve minutes of November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.**  
**Schrupp/Fritsvold Favor: All Opposed: None**
- III. Old Business
- IV. New Business
  - a. Trails Comprehensive Plan  
TJ thoroughly went over the LAKES Trail Initiative and how we have gotten to this point. He went over the SS4A Grant, HSIP Funding, and the IJJA Match Application. He also provided a plan going forward:  
Parks and Recreation is responsible for planning and implementing both paved and unpaved trails, while Public Works handles the maintenance of paved trails, excluding summer maintenance on Daggett Pine Trail and Wilderness Trail.  
  
Historically, the city has identified "potential trails" in its comprehensive plans but has not developed a detailed implementation plan. Now, the city is interested in creating a comprehensive 5-year or 10-year trail plan.  
  
Ideally, this trail plan would align with the Public Works Streets Plan and the County's highway plan.  
  
Key partners in creating this plan include Public Works, Administration, the City Engineer (Bolton & Menk), and the Crow Wing County Highway Department. Stakeholders include the Lake Foundation, PAL Foundation, community members, businesses, and adjacent property owners.

V. Other Business

a. Updates

- i. Park Master Plan Committee – This was approved at the last regular city council meeting. We currently have four people that have stepped forward.
- ii. Fall Festival Committee – This was approved at the last regular city council meeting. We currently have two people that have stepped forward. A tentative date has been selected for October 11<sup>th</sup>.
- iii. PAL Focused Projects 2025 – TJ listed the projects he will work on in partnership with the PAL foundation: Gaga Ball Pit, Plant Maple Trees alongside trails, bike repair stations, extending native grasses adjacent to Daggett Pine Rd., plan/develop natural play area, and install cornhole boards at Pine River Overlook Park.  
TJ also mentioned that PAL is interested in assisting the Parks Department in developing a Mountain Bike Trail within our Nordic Ridge Trail System. TJ Said that WSN had reached out to him yesterday and said that the first step would be to create a feasibility study. More to come on this.

b. Comments from the commission

- c. Pequot Lakes Community Education Update –Joell was not in attendance.
  - i. Community Education Opportunities in Crosslake – TJ and Joell are talking and will continue to work on this.

VI. Open Forum – None

VII. Adjourn

**Motion to adjourn at 2:55.**

**Ann/Kristin**

**Favor: All**

**Opposed: None**