



PARK, RECREATION & FORESTRY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES **Wednesday, February 3, 2016** **6:00 PM**

Location: **City Hall, 2110 Washington St., New Holstein WI 53061**
Members Present: Scott Konkle, Sue Barth, Wally Dudzinske, Scott Busse and Jeffrey Brandt
Others Present: Robert Depies, Dianne Reese, Carol Jacobson, Lois Schroeder, Ann Hansen

The meeting was called to order by Commission Chairperson Konkle. It was duly noted that the meeting was properly announced. Roll call was taken by Langenfeld. A motion was made by Dudzinske, seconded by Barth and carried to approve the agenda as presented. A motion was made by Dudzinske, seconded by Brandt, and carried to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Neither public participation nor communications occurred.

Konkle updated the Commission on the Open Space & Recreation Plan. Trish Nau from East Central will be at the June or July meeting to review the plan. Konkle asked the Commission members to review and to think of items that should be included in the plan.

Mayor Reese requested that the Recreation Directors be present at the Park, Recreation, and Forestry Commission meetings to present their programs before and after the season, providing participation levels, revenues and expenses, any reportable data.

Barth provide an update on the Tow Rope Committee meeting. The group reviewed the survey results and the overall consensus was positive. The group would like to move forward with their fund raising efforts, with the goal of opening the equipment in the winter of 2017/2018. The Committee members will be developing a plan that will be presented to the Park, Recreation & Forestry Commission for review. The goal of the Committee is to raise enough funds so that the City would not have to pay for the attraction. Depies informed the group that the project would not be able to be completed in phases due to the reporting that needs to be submitted to the State of Wisconsin.

Depies indicated that there was no information to report for Forestry.

A motion was made by Brandt, seconded by Dudzinske, and carried to approve the Park Rental Application as submitted by the Optimist Club for their Treasure Hunt Sale.

A motion was made by Brandt, seconded by Dudzinske, and carried to approve the Park Rental Application as submitted by the New Holstein Soccer Association to hold their Soccer Tournament.

The Commission reviewed the proposal to offer ice skating on Langenfeld Pond next winter. A motion was made by Dudzinske, seconded by Brandt, and carried to recommend to the Common Council to turn off the aerator and pumps at Langenfeld Pond next winter to allow for ice skating on the Pond.

Konkle informed the Commission that Jim Leavitt, MT Glass, is working to reestablish a horseshoe league. This league would use the horseshoe pits located at Civic Park.

Konkle provided information on how the Civic Park tennis courts could be utilized as Pickle Ball Courts. Reese informed the Commission that the Elementary School Physical Education Teacher would be interested in creating a curriculum to teach this sport if the courts were available.

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The Commission reviewed the application as submitted by the New Holstein Kiwanis to assist in developing the New Park. Carol Jacobson indicated that when the City is ready to move forward with a design plan, Kiwanis would be willing to assist in putting forth a contribution. Depies reminded the Commission that the current green space is less expensive to maintain than a developed area would be.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Cassandra Langenfeld

City Clerk/Treasurer