

**Village of Holmen
Park, Recreation, and Library Committee
Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, December 2, 2020**

Committee Chair Cain called the Holmen Park, Recreation, and Library Committee meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. on December 2, 2020 at the Holmen Village Hall.

Present: Brandon Cain, Dawn Kulcinski, Micah Wyss, Chris McArdle-Rojo, Mike Brogan, Chris Geary

Excused: Scott Heinig

Guests: Patrick Barlow

Motion by Wyss, second by Kulcinski to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Library Director's monthly report: McArdle-Rojo distributed the monthly flyer with upcoming programs at the Library. McArdle-Rojo stated that due to changes in the 2021 La Crosse County budget, the Holmen Library will now be able to add hours on Tuesday mornings. McArdle-Rojo stated that the changes to the hours will begin on January 5th. McArdle-Rojo stated that the Library doors continue to be open and services are holding steady. Trustee Wyss asked if the Library hours are posted on the building and if so, will they be changed. McArdle-Rojo stated that the hours on the building will be changed and paid for by the County.

Park and Recreation Director's monthly report:

Recreation: Brogan informed the committee that schools are not allowing outside groups to utilize gyms, which affects normal winter activities of youth basketball, indoor soccer, Impact Volleyball, and adult volleyball league. Geary stated that if the School District allows use starting in January, these programs will start will modified seasons. Brogan stated that spring programs are expected to be offered and operated close to normal.

Park: Brogan stated that shelter and band shell rentals for 2021 will be accepted beginning January 4, 2021. Trustee Cain asked if the department inspects the shelters after each rental. Brogan stated that each shelter is inspected by staff after each use to determine if the deposit is returned to the user. Trustee Wyss asked why the price of the Deer Wood Rotary Shelter is so much high than the other open-air shelters. Brogan stated that the prices were set by the Board when the shelter was constructed and the price was higher because it was new and much larger than the other open-air shelters in the Village. Trustee Kulcinski stated that another reason for the higher rental price was because the Deer Wood Rotary Shelter was intended for larger events. Trustee Wyss stated that it may be worth revisiting and discussing the rental prices for 2022 when the time comes next year. Brogan stated that park staff are preparing to set up the new NiceRink portable ice rink. Trustee Kulcinski asked how do people get into the rink with the walls all around. Brogan stated that park staff will build a small wooden ramp with carpeting for people to safely enter and exit the rink. Brogan stated that park staff have set up fifty trees in Halfway Creek Park for the Holmen Rotary Club – Holidays in the Park Christmas Tree Decorating Contest which will run until January 4th. President Barlow asked if any shelters were rented for the upcoming Jingle Fest and Christmas in the Park. Brogan stated that no shelters were rented for these events but the band shell bathrooms will be open. Trustee Kulcinski stated that businesses may be open if people need to use bathrooms. Brogan stated that new areas and the Boys & Girls Club have greatly extended the time it takes to clear snow.

Pool: Brogan stated that the slide engineering report has not been received yet from MBA Architects. Brogan stated that Fischer Brothers has not provided a quote for the 2021 pool grate repairs, re-caulking and other miscellaneous pool repairs. Trustee Cain asked if MBA will be paying for the grates that they broke. Brogan stated that MBA will pay for the grates that they broke and the Village will also order more as future replacements. Trustee Cain stated that Stone Distribution out of Onalaska may be able to make the tiles that are needed. Brogan stated that he will look into it for future purchases. Brogan stated that Matt Kosin intends to return as Aquatic Center manager for 2021.

Other Business:

Trustee Wyss stated that he attended the blood drive at the Library recently and it was set up well. McArdle-Rojo stated that there will be another blood drive at the Library on December 7th.

Motion by Kulcinski, second by Wyss to adjourn at 5:32 p.m. Motion carried.

Chris Geary
Asst. Park & Recreation Director