

**Village of Holmen  
Park, Recreation, and Library Committee  
Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, August 2, 2023**

Committee Chair Wyss called the Holmen Park, Recreation, and Library Committee meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on August 2, 2023 at the Holmen Village Hall.

**Present:** Micah Wyss, Dawn Kulcinski, Travis Elam, McArdle-Rojo, Mike Brogan, Chris Geary, Scott Heinig

**Excused:** None

**Guests:** Patrick Barlow

Motion by Kulcinski second by Wyss to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2023 meeting. Carried unanimously.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Library Director's monthly report:** McArdle-Rojo distributed the August 2023 library program information to the committee. McArdle-Rojo stated they have had a record attendance for the summer especially amongst teens. Wyss asked if there any new programs in August. McArdle-Rojo stated that there are several new adult programs being offered. Kulcinski asked how the puzzle exchange works. McArdle-Rojo stated that the Library has a lot of puzzles and many more get donated so they have set up a program where people can come in and trade puzzles with the Library.

The committee reviewed preliminary 2024 capital requests and substantial supply items for the Holmen Library. McArdle-Rojo stated that she didn't have any capital requests for 2024. McArdle-Rojo stated that there are just a couple smaller things that may be needed such as a carpet cleaning and a small barn door.

**Park and Recreation Director's monthly report:**

**Recreation:** Brogan informed the committee that most summer programs have ended and there are only a few still in progress that include: adult volleyball league, adult fitness classes, and Kornfest softball tournament. Brogan stated that National Night Out was held on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Brogan stated that the Fall/Winter brochure is being prepared and will be distributed in late-August. Brogan stated that fall and winter program registration is beginning along with the hiring of fall staff.

**Parks:** Brogan stated that Kornfest setup will begin on August 12<sup>th</sup>. Brogan informed the committee of the upcoming Concerts in the Park: August 6<sup>th</sup> – B-Sides-S, August 13<sup>th</sup> – Dan Sebranek & John Smith, August 20<sup>th</sup> – Kornfest, August 27<sup>th</sup> – Gate City Jazz Band, and September 3<sup>rd</sup> – Big Strum. Brogan stated that most of the construction at the new parks is complete and the main problem is with the weed growth at Seven Bridges Park. Administrator Heinig stated that Winona Nursery will be returning in September or October for a reseeding and that more irrigation may be needed in the future. Brogan stated that MCS is working on a security camera system for Seven Bridges Park and Pertzsch Park. Wyss asked is if the bathrooms were open in the new parks. Brogan stated that they are not open yet. Administrator Heinig stated that the bathrooms were open for a few days and were vandalized. Heinig stated that the bathrooms may not be opened until the security cameras are in place to try to prevent any future vandalism. Brogan stated that Brett Koball will be leaving on August 11<sup>th</sup> and Terry Long will be joining the maintenance staff on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Brogan stated that a couple of replacement canopies have been ordered for the top of the slides at the pool. Brogan stated that there was a huge log jam near the trail and Rybold came in to clear everything out.

**Pool:** Brogan stated that the Holmen Summer Splash Youth Logrolling Tournament will be held on August 12<sup>th</sup>. Brogan stated that the Kid's Carnival will be held on August 9<sup>th</sup>. Brogan stated that lifeguard certification and recertification classes have been added in mid-August. Brogan stated that the pool will close on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Brogan stated that the pool manager was terminated on 8/2/2023 and the assistant managers will manage the pool as a group for the remainder of the season.

The committee reviewed preliminary 2024 capital requests for parks, recreation and aquatics. Brogan presented a list of priorities, contingency/emergency items, community requests, and future needs.

Motion by Kulcinski, second by Elam to adjourn at 6:29 p.m. Motion carried.

Chris Geary  
Asst. Park & Recreation Director