

**Village of Holmen
Park, Recreation, and Library Committee
Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, February 7, 2024**

Committee Chairman Wyss called the Holmen Park, Recreation, and Library Committee meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. February 7, 2024 at Holmen Village Hall.

Present: Micah Wyss, Travis Elam, Dawn Kulcinski, Chris Geary, Alex Inglett

Excused: Chris McArdle-Rojo

Guests: None

Motion by Kulcinski, second by Elam to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2024 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Library Director's monthly report: There was no Library Director's report. A flyer with February programs was distributed to the committee.

Park and Recreation Director's monthly report:

Recreation: Geary informed the committee of the programs that are in progress which include: youth basketball, adult volleyball, adult fitness classes, baking classes and youth indoor soccer. Geary informed the committee that cheerleading begins at the end of this month. Geary also stated that spring volleyball and soccer registration are both open and will start in the coming months. Director Geary informed the committee that the spring/summer activity guide should be done by the end of this month and summer registration will open on March 4th.

Park: Geary stated that the outdoor ice rink at Deer Wood Park was filled on January 16th by staff. Geary said that we had a few good weeks of use out of it before the weather got warm. Wyss stated he did see a lot of people using it before it started to melt. Kulcinski asked if any type of organized classes were held at the outdoor rink. Geary stated that there were not, but there are dedicated hockey and free skate times. Geary informed the committee that 3 new soccer goals were purchased and delivered this week. 2 of the goals will be placed at Seven Bridges and 1 will be placed at Pertsch Park for the upcoming soccer season.

Pool: Geary informed the committee that Tori Applin and Jack Servais will be the Aquatic Center co-managers this summer. Both were assistant managers in 2023. Geary stated that pool staff from 2023 have until the end of this month to inform staff if they are planning to return in 2024. Geary stated we already had a handful of staff state that they planned to return. Kulcinski asked if many pool memberships had been sold yet. Geary informed her that a handful had already been sold and that those sales typically ramp up in March and April.

The committee reviewed a 2024 proposal for an I-Mop for the new parks. Geary stated that the I-Mop is used to clean shelters. The department purchased one in 2019 use and have had no issues. Geary stated the quote from Dalco came in at \$5,688.95 and that there was \$6,000.00 budgeted. Kulcinski asked how long the battery lasts. Geary informed the committee that it will typically clean for a few hours, but then it can simply be recharged. There is no need to continually buy batteries for it. Wyss stated that it will be good to have a backup for the first one in case something breaks with that one. Geary stated that it will most likely be stored at Seven Bridges. **Motion by Kulcinski, second by Elam to approve the purchase of an I-Mop for the new parks from Dalco in the amount of \$5,688.95.**

Other Business: Director Geary informed the committee that Seven Bridges was nominated for Best Park and Best Playground in the annual Best of La Crosse County contest. The Aquatic Center was also nominated for best pool. Elam and Kulcinski both congratulated Geary on his new role as Director. Wyss stated that residents in the Forest View Development are anxious for the new park there and that they were promised a park by the developer that has not happened yet. Director Geary stated that we are waiting on the developer before that can begin. Wyss asked the committee opinions on how to handle the scheduled meetings when there are no action items. Geary and Elam both stated they are not opposed to meeting each month. All committee members and Director Geary agreed that if a meeting

is canceled due to no action items, the committee will meet the following month to touch base even if there are no action items that month either.

Motion by Kulcinski, second by Wyss to adjourn at 5:49 p.m. Motion carried.

Alex Inglett
Asst. Park & Recreation Director