

**Village of Holmen
Park, Recreation, and Library Committee
Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, September 1, 2021**

Committee Chairman Cain called the Holmen Park, Recreation, and Library Committee meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. on September 1, 2021 at the Holmen Village Hall.

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

Excused: Scott Heinig

Guests: Chris Lau

Motion by Wyss, seconded by Kulcinski to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2021 meeting. Carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Chris Lau, a representative from n.a.s.a. (North American Squirrel Association), handed out a packet and presented their idea for a potential larger-scale all-inclusive future park project in the Village of Holmen. Lau stated that n.a.s.a. recently completed a park project in Tomah and would like to plant the idea of potentially doing the same in Holmen. Lau stated that they would do fundraising projects to raise money for the equipment and labor but they would need the land to install the park. Lau stated that this would most likely be a two to five - year process. Trustee Wyss asked if this would be a completely new park or could they modify an existing park. Lau stated that it could be either and that they used an existing park when they did their project in Tomah. Brogan stated that with the new parks coming into the Village, they could possibly enhance them or use an this as an opportunity to upgrade an existing park that needs it. Trustee Kulcinski asked if they looked into how many people in the Holmen area would be able to use this potential park. Lau stated that he hadn't looked into that but the park can be used by all. Brogan asked what n.a.s.a.'s next step would be. Lau stated that he just wanted to plant the idea to see if there would be any interest from the Village and the overall process would take two to five years.

Library Director's monthly report: McArdle-Rojo provided the August 2021 library statistics report and September events flyer. McArdle-Rojo stated story times have been are still being held outside and movies nights will be offered in the fall. Trustee Wyss asked if the Do-It-Yourself Media Conversion program was still being offered. McArdle-Rojo stated that it will be offered through the end of the month and could return in January.

Park and Recreation Director's monthly report:

Recreation: Brogan distributed the 2021 Fall/Winter program guide to the committee. Brogan stated that the Kornfest softball tournament was held August 20-22 and there were 25 teams. Brogan informed the committee of the upcoming programs which include: flag football, youth volleyball, adult fitness classes, cake classes, and nature journaling classes. Brogan stated that the movie night in the park will be held on September 10th and Toy Story 4 will be shown. Brogan informed the committee of the upcoming Concerts in the Park: September 5th – Big Strum, September 12th – Radio Waves, and September 19th – LB and the High Volts. Trustee Wyss inquired about the method of informing the public if a concert gets moved inside due to the weather. Brogan stated that a sign is typically placed at the stage informing the public that the concert is moved inside at the Library. Trustee Wyss stated that he thinks it would be beneficial in the future to see it posted on the cancellation line and website for the public. Brogan stated that it would be possible and better communication would be needed in the future between the site supervisor and management in those instances.

Parks: Brogan stated that staff are busy with winterizing the pool, shelter rentals, restrooms and daily field prep/painting for fall programs. Brogan stated that there have been no known damages or problems from Kornfest as of 9/1 but sometimes irrigation or electrical damages take a few weeks to discover.

Pool: Brogan stated that the pool closed on August 22nd and distributed the year-end report to the committee.

The committee discussed possible action and recommendation on emergency Halfway Creek Trail repairs. Brogan stated that restructuring and reshaping was needed by the remaining sand bag wall due to the heavy rainstorms in August. Brogan stated that due to the reshaping, Winona Nursery hydroseeded the area. **Motion by Kulcinski, seconded by Wyss to recommend to the board the approval of the emergency Halfway Creek Trail repairs in the amount of \$20,921.00, \$17,500.00 from Rybold Excavating & Plumbing and \$3,421.00 from Winona Nursery, to be paid from park trail funds. Carried unanimously.**

Motion by Wyss, second by Kulcinski to adjourn at 5:31 p.m. Motion carried.

Chris Geary
Asst. Park & Recreation Director