



## **PARK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**MAY 15, 2025**

**The Park Committee cancelled the site visits to Lake Helene, Lake Diane, and Elk Lake Rain Garden due to the weather.**

**Call Meeting to Order:** The Baldwin Park Committee Meeting was called to order by Mary Larson at 7:00 pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Chair Zac Good, Committee members Mary Larson, Robb Rydmark, Rosie Walker and Lester Kriesel.

**Absent:** Vice Chair Sarah Koste

**Also present:** City Council Liaison Tom Rush

**Chair Zac Good arrived at 7:08 PM.**

### **Approval of Agenda:**

***Rosie Walker made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Robb Rydmark seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.***

### **Approval of Minutes from April 17, 2025:**

***Robb Rydmark made a motion to approve the April 17, 2025 Park Committee meeting minutes as written. Rosie Walker seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.***

**PLAT:** None

**Tabled Items:** None

### **New Business:**

#### **Mille Lacs County Historical Society – Kermit Young Plaque**

Barry Schreiber from the Mille Lacs County Historical Society was at the Park Committee meeting to discuss creating a plaque in honor of Kermit Young. Mr. Schreiber brought photos to show the Park Committee of Kermit Young and spoke

about the different items the Historical Society likes to collect. Kermit Young donated the land for Young Park. Mr. Schreiber brought a sample of an Outdoor Interpretive Sign that the plaque would be made of. These have been used around Princeton and Brickton.

Rosie Walker asked about sizes. Mr. Schreiber stated the sample passed around is the standard size. There can be an image printed on the front and back of the plaque.

Tom Rush would like to bring this to the City Council and discuss with Jeff Holm what his thoughts would be on the plaque. Rush also asked if the City could get pricing. Mr. Schreiber stated the approximate cost is \$2500 depending on what size the City would like.

Mary Larson asked about the lead time. Mr. Schreiber stated the lead time is around six to nine months.

Mr. Schreiber to contact the City Hall with quotes and drawings.

### **Parking Expansion at Young Park**

One of the Park Committee's goals for 2025 is to add additional parking at Young Park. There are two viable options for parking lots. Extending the current parking lot to the west towards the pavilion and/or adding an additional lot behind the ball field to the east. The current parking lot at Young Park has 40 spots.

Zac Good stated the proposed parking lot in front of the pavilion could have 30 parking spaces.

Rosie Walker asked how many spots the proposed parking lot behind the ballfield would be. Zac Good stated approximately 30 parking spaces.

Robb Rydmark stated if the City put a parking lot back behind the ballfield, there would not be enough room to put a little league field in the future.

Tom Rush described his thoughts on where a little league field would be and how that would affect the parking behind the field. We would need to get a driveway access permit from the Sherburne County.

Robb Rydmark stated the proposed parking lot next to the pavilion is where the car shows parking for FunFest used to be. It would be a good area for more parking.

Tom Rush suggested adding lights on that side of the parking lot as well. Tom also suggested putting a hold on the ballfield parking lot and focus on the parking for the playground.

Zac Good stated the scope of work would be to bring in the asphalt and put lights in on the newly proposed parking lot. The portable toilet would need to be moved to a new location at the park.

Tom Rush suggested going out for requests for proposals and telling the contractors what the City is looking for. This would be good options for the addition. Tom suggested making a recommendation to the City Council to get bids to do both the Young Park and Goose Lake expansion of the parking lot and lights at Young Park.

***Mary Larson made a motion to recommend the City Council seek requests for proposals for asphalt at Young Park and Goose Lake park, as well as lighting at Young Park. Lester Kriesel seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.***

Zac Good made a friendly to look at removing the concrete pad where the current portable toilet sits.

### **Black Top at Goose Lake**

The parking lot at Goose Lake is currently gravel. The Park Committee would like to add parking spaces and asphalt.

This was discussed under parking expansion at Young Park and a motion was made.

### **Discuss potential Trails in Developments – Tom Rush**

During the joint meeting of the City Council and the Planning Commission, it was brought up to discuss adding trails or sidewalks in new developments. Tom Rush asked for opinions from the Park Committee.

Mary Larson stated concerns with the upkeep and maintenance costs in adding trails into developments.

Zac Good stated new equipment would need to be purchased. Zac Good mentioned some of the roads in the area are being extended to have a larger shoulder.

Tom Rush stated there is the Great Northern Trail through Sherburne County that is supposed to be completed at some point.

This could be something the City thinks about in the future instead of right now. This is just for discussion.

Deputy Clerk to look into information on the Great Northern Trail.

**Old Business:**

**Discuss Drone**

The City Council is asking for more discussion on the drone purchase. Tom Rush stated the City Council wants more information on how much this is going to get used. The Fire Department is not interested in using the drone at this time.

Lester Kriesel stated the City doesn't need a drone. The Park Committee could use Beacon for overview photos and the City could take their own photos of the parks.

Tom Rush stated there wasn't much traction with the City Council. Zac Good asked if splitting the cost with road and bridge would help get traction. Tom Rush stated the City Council isn't interested.

***Zac Good made a motion to table until 2026. Mary Larson seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.***

**Park Ordinance**

The Park Ordinance is being updated. Corrections were made by the Deputy Clerk, and new items were corrected. This is being brought back to the Park Committee for final reviews before forwarding it to the City Planner.

Zac Good suggested to make one change to page nine.

***Lester Kriesel made a motion to accept the proposed changes to the Park Ordinance. Mary Larson seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.***

**Comprehensive Plan: None**

**Park Updates, City Council Liaison Tom Rush:**

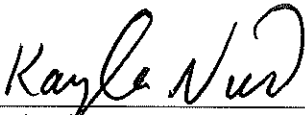
Tom Rush stated that the portable restrooms were tabled at the last City Council meeting due to needing more information on services and insurance. DNR grant is on hold right now. Public Works has started mowing the parks and are working on putting the docks out at the boat launches.

**Other Business:**

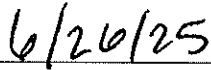
Mary Larson showed the FunFest car show trophies that were received this week.

**Adjourn Meeting –**

***Lester Kriesel made a motion to adjourn the Park Committee meeting at 8:55 pm. Mary Larson seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.***



Submitted by: Kayla Nielsen  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer



Date



Approved by: Zac Good  
Chair

Attendees: Council Member Alan Walker, Barry Schreiber from Mille Lacs County  
Historical Society