

Town of Lafayette
PARKS, RECREATION, TOURISM, LAND USE and PLANNING COMMISSION
December 9, 2024
7:00 PM Lafayette Town Hall

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Scott Faris at 7:02 PM. The following members were present: Scott Faris, DeWayne Krumenauer, Sue Lane, Doug Matthews, Mark Sedlacek, and Jerry Zais; a quorum was present. Neil Mathwig arrived at 7:24; Brett Bullock and Jenna Hazelton were not present.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES & AGENDA

A motion to accept the Agenda for the December 9, 2024 meeting and to approve the Minutes of the November 11, 2024 PRTL U Regular meeting without correction was made by Mark Sedlacek / Jerry Zais; motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

GENERAL PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

None

EXPEDITED ITEMS

1) Steward CSM – Owners and Realtor Dana Yoder were present. One concern expressed by the Commission was that future development of the 15-acre Lot 1 would inevitably result in a cul-de-sac exceeding the maximum 500 feet permitted by the Lafayette Subdivision ordinance. A motion to recommend the Town Board approve the CSM was made by Mark Sedlacek / Jerry Zais; motion passed by voice vote with one “Nay” vote.

2) Gougar Conditional Use Permit – There was no representative or owner present to answer questions and concerns of the Commission, including possible on-street parking issues, signage for the business, and provision of a secondary gate as an exit from the fenced rear yard area. Consequently, a motion to make no recommendation to the Town Board was made by Doug Matthews / Sue Lane; motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Doug Matthews reported that the November 30, 2024 Disc Golf account balance remained at \$5,916.20 with no expenditures for the past month. The General Use account for November 30, 2024 also had no expenditures, leaving a balance of \$9,332.48. The \$3,450.00 earmarked for payment to Chippewa County for bike trail signage remains pending, but it was noted the signage has been installed, so an invoice is expected before the end of the year. The Room Tax account for November 30, 2024 had no expenditures, but had received new revenue of \$12,098.69, leaving a balance of \$74,337.83. Jerry Zais reported the Osterbergs had donated \$500.00 to the Town for improvements to the disc golf course. There was discussion regarding transferring the remaining money in the Disc Golf Course account back into the Room Tax account, but the consensus was it could be left there for 2025 use. A motion to accept the November 30, 2024 Financial Report was made by Sue Lane / Jerry Zais; motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

1) PRTL U Bylaw Revisions - Doug Matthews reviewed a number of proposed revisions to the current Commission By-laws, the majority pertaining to conforming to the State Statute requirements for members of a municipality's Planning Commission. He also pointed out an error was made last month when he said three Commissioner's terms expired in December of 2024; in fact they do not expire until December of 2025. A motion to forward the proposed Bylaw revisions to the Town Board for their approval was made by Jerry Zais / Sue Lane; motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

2) Disc Golf Course; Ski Trails – Scott Faris reported there have been no ski trails made yet because there is no snow; the grooming equipment remains ready to go. No further Commission action was taken.

3) Skating Rink - Mark Sedlacek said the rink is being made, but recently someone drove an ATV or UTV onto the ice and caused damage; he asked if video footage became available, should it be posted on the Town web site? The consensus was if video was available, it should be posted, and the sheriff's department notified. Discussion on ways to prevent such occurrences followed, but no good solutions were approved. No further Commission action was taken.

4) Rec Updates – Rec Director Bruce Kyes distributed and explained a report summarizing the 2024 youth rec season. The report covered the growth of the soccer program, the participation of neighboring communities' teams, the improvements made to Lafayette facilities, and suggestions for correcting the on-going issues with the rec building's toilet rooms. He concluded by saying the Valley Sports Academy would like to use Lafayette fields for soccer tournaments. No further Commission action was taken.

5) Veteran's Memorial – Scott Faris thanked the Public Works crew for the efforts to keep the memorial flags up to date, once any becomes worn-looking. No further Commission action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Sale of Town Land – The Town has received a request from Mr. Doug Miller, a resident in the LeMay subdivision, to purchase a 40-acre parcel immediately east of the subdivision. Mr. Miller was present, and explained his plan is to make the land available for his and other neighborhood kids to play in. Commissioners mentioned that, so far, no competing bids for the parcel have been sought, and that this might be done to assure any sale would be at a competitive price, but if the parcel was not sold, it could possibly be developed by the Town in the future as a recreational site for everyone, with access available from the newly extended 64th Ave. Following discussion, a motion recommending the Town Board refrain from selling this parcel at this time due to the possibility of future public rec use was made by Scott Faris / Sue Lane; motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS & COMMENTS

None

NEXT MEETING DATE - Meeting date is January 13, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Sue Lane / Jerry Zais; motion passed by voice vote at 8:26 PM.

Submitted for Approval,

Doug Matthews
PRTL Commission Secretary / Treasurer