

**Winona County Parks & Environment**

**Advisory Committee Agenda**

**Tuesday June 6, 2023 - 4:30 p.m.**

**Location: Farmers Park, 23274 Arches Rd, Lewiston**

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- 1.0 Call to Order
- 2.0 Approval of Agenda
- 3.0 Approval of Minutes of April 4, 2023 Meeting
- 4.0 Apple Blossom Park Update
- 5.0 Stone Point Park Update
- 6.0 Farmers Park Update
  - 6.1 Park Planning
  - 6.2 Facility Needs Discussion
- 7.0 Member Updates
- 8.0 Next meeting date: August 1, 2023; location to be determined
- 9.0 Adjourn

*Note: This is an in-person meeting at Farmers Park, 23274 Arches Road, Lewiston, MN*



## **6.0 Farmers Park Update**

Aaron Lafee shared that all of the damaged zip line pieces have been replaced. The installation will happen later Spring/Summer. The location of installation will be discussed at the next Parks meeting, which will be held at Farmers Park. Sentenced-to-Serve and Maintenance will be going out to the park to get it ready for opening day, May 1<sup>st</sup>. The red pavilion/south pavilion has posts and shingles that need to be replaced. Quotes for repair will be collected but also looking at replacement instead of repair. Further discussion can occur at the Parks meeting at Farmers Park. The Parks committee discussed developing a park plan for Farmers Park, to include public input through surveys. The Parks committee asked if some demographic data and reservation information could be supplied to the committee to assist in decision making.

## **7.0 Stone Point Park Update**

Ross Dunsmoor shared that 13 of the 20 Community Garden plots have been rented out this year. Most rentals from last year renewed their rental this year. A couple greenhouses are vacant as the gardeners have retired. A third greenhouse was independently purchased and owned, which the owners chose to donate to Winona County.

The 2022-2025 Stone Point Park DNR Grant enhancement is in final review, with the County Attorney's Office reviewing the contract. Ross Dunsmoor shared a map with the committee. Input was gathered from some Parks members. Native seeding costs are targeted to be under \$50,000 and hopefully pollinator mixes can be added. Ross Dunsmoor explained the necessary approvals for the native seeding/pollinator mixes. Review of the natural gas pipeline was shared with the committee. Two repairs need to take place, which will require about 100 feet of excavation.

The Winona County Solid Waste Management Plan is at the public comment phase with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). Public comment closes April 21<sup>st</sup>. Following that process, information will be distributed to the committee. A resolution will then be drafted to adopt the plan for the next 10 years.

## **8.0 Environmental Planner/Recycling Coordinator Position**

Kay Qualley shared the job duties/description for the Environmental Planner/Recycling Coordinator position. Interviews to be conducted the following week.

## **9.0 Member Updates**

George Howe – Would like to have a prescribed burn at Apple Blossom in the middle of April. He will apply for a burn permit and explained the process involving County staff. He has volunteers that assist and typically the La Crescent Fire Department is on-site.

John Howard – City of Winona Earth Day Celebration will be held on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm at the Jaycee Pavilion.

Amanda Gentry – SWCD offers trees and shrubs for sale in bundles of 25.

**10.0 Next Meeting Date: June 6, 2023, at 4:30PM at Farmers Park**

**11.0 Adjourn**

On motion by Sadie Neuman and seconded by Dwayne Voegeli, the Parks Committee adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Anne Schwertel, Administrative Specialist

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Chair/Vice Chair

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