

**Village of Holmen
Park, Recreation, and Library Committee
Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, April 5, 2023**

Committee Chairman Wyss called the Holmen Park, Recreation, and Library Committee meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on April 5, 2023 at the Holmen Village Hall.

Present: Micah Wyss, Travis Elam, Dawn Kulcinski Mike Brogan, Chris Geary, Chris McArdle-Rojo

Absent: None

Guests: None

Motion by Kulcinski second by Elam to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2023 meeting. Carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Library Director's monthly report: McArdle-Rojo provided the April Library program brochure and March 2023 Library statistics report. McArdle-Rojo stated that traffic at the Holmen Library is up compared to last year. McArdle-Rojo stated that National Library Week is April 23-29 and there will be treats at the Holmen Library on April 25th to celebrate.

Park and Recreation Director's monthly report:

Recreation: Brogan informed the committee of the programs that are in progress or have recently been completed which include: youth soccer, adult fitness classes, cake classes, and youth volleyball. Brogan informed the committee of the upcoming programs which include: First Lego League, kids bake camp, cake pop class, wild Fridays – nature art, adult painting class, soccer academy, high school volleyball signup, adult softball league, youth learn to run, sand volleyball league, nature art journaling, Touch-A-Truck and adult fitness classes. Brogan stated that registration continues for all summer programs. Elam asked about what the Touch-A-Truck event entails. Geary stated that businesses bring unique trucks or vehicles to Deer Wood Park to educate kids and families of their purpose within the community. Geary stated that kids will get a chance to explore and learn more about each vehicle.

Parks: Brogan stated that park staff is busy with daily prep of all baseball/softball fields, soccer fields and trail repairs. Brogan stated that there aren't any major updates on the new parks and that work will pick up as the weather gets nicer. Brogan stated that NASA is hosting a fundraiser at the La Crosse Center on April 26th for the Remington Hills all-abilities playground. Wyss stated that he has seen people utilizing the new playgrounds already and asked if they are open to the public. Brogan stated that they are officially not open yet but no one is able to supervise the parks 24/7 to make sure people stay off. Brogan stated that Fowler and Hammer would like people to stay off the playgrounds until they are finished with the parks.

Pool: Brogan stated that Max Biesterveld is hiring pool staff. Brogan stated that staff orientation will be held on May 20th for guards and May 21st for concessions and admissions. Brogan stated that there will be a lifeguard certification course held from May 23 – May 25 and a lifeguard recertification course held on May 28 at the Holmen Pool. Elam asked what the starting wage was for lifeguards. Brogan stated that it is \$11/hr. and that they had raised it a few years ago to try and remain competitive with other pools in the area. Elam asked if guards pay for the certification classes. Brogan stated that they do pay for the certification course.

The committee reviewed a quote from ComFloors for replacing the Halfway Creek Park West Shelter flooring. Brogan stated that they wanted to do it last year, but companies were not very responsive with quotes. Brogan stated that he received one quote from ComFloors who installed the floors in the Library Community Room originally. Brogan stated that the floor in the West Shelter gets used almost every day from classes or rentals. Brogan stated that the floor is starting to bubble and becoming hard to clean for staff. Brogan stated that the proposed floor would be higher quality and the same as the floor in the Library Community Room which has held up very well. Brogan stated that it is more stain-resistant and staff feels that it will be easier to clean. Wyss noticed that the quote said that the proposal may be withdrawn within 30 days and asked if we need to be worried that they may change the price if not approved before the Board meeting. Brogan stated that he had talked with ComFloors and the price would not change from the quote. Elam asked about the price per square foot of the flooring and if that was a good deal since there was only one quote. Brogan stated that it may be a little expensive but it will be much higher quality compared to the old floor. Motion by Elam, second by Kulcinski to recommend to the Board approval of the replacement of the Halfway Creek Park West flooring from ComFloors in the amount of \$11,120.00. Carried unanimously.

Other Business:

Wyss asked if there has been any discussion on replacing the tennis courts at Deer Wood Park. Wyss stated that he has spoken with some of coaches that have used the courts and feel that it is not very safe specifically when the courts are wet. Brogan stated that there have been discussions about replacing the courts and it has been on his list of future projects for a while but it would be very expensive. Brogan stated that it has also been very difficult to get any responses from any companies that could potentially come in and take on that project.

Motion by Kulcinski, second by Elam to adjourn at 6:07 p.m. Motion carried.

Chris Geary
Asst. Park & Recreation Director