

**Village of Holmen  
Park, Recreation, and Library Committee  
Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, February 6, 2019**

Committee Chairman Stanek called the Holmen Park, Recreation, and Library Committee meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. on February 6, 2019 at the Holmen Village Hall.

**Present:** Rodney Stanek, Rich Anderson, Brandon Cain, Scott Heinig, Chris McArdle-Rojo, Mike Brogan, Chris Geary

**Excused:** None

**Guests:** Pat Barlow, Robin Johnson, Dennis Butterfield, Jan Lucas, Bob Matysik, Charlene Purnell, Jo Ann Wickizer, Mary Rose Moore, Lu Anne Esser, Janet Bertelsen, Ron Bertelsen, Ken Esser

Motion by Anderson, second by Cain to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

Jan Lucas – La Crosse Pickleball Ambassador stated pickleball is the fastest growing sport, people drive from an hour away to play at the Onalaska courts and they are used heavily. She has run classes and programs for Onalaska and La Crosse and can be a resource if Holmen develops pickleball courts.

Mary Rose Moore – spoke in favor of creating pickleball courts and stated it is played by all ages.

Charleen Purnell – stated pickleball is a growing sport, says she can teach anyone who is willing to play, they often have 35 people wanting to play at Onalaska and pickleball courts would be a great addition for Holmen.

Robin Johnson – stated she is new to the sport of pickleball and excited to hear Holmen may have courts and there could be programs created for younger ages.

Janet Bertelsen – spoke in favor of pickleball and stated it is tennis for older people.

**Library Director's monthly report:** McArdle-Rojo distributed the monthly and 2018 year-end library statistics report to the committee. McArdle-Rojo stated January numbers were down slightly due to the weather. Heinig inquired why circulation and door count numbers were down in the fall of 2018. McArdle-Rojo stated that less school classes have visited the library and there may have been some counter issues.

**Park and Recreation Director's monthly report:**

**Recreation:** Brogan informed the committee of the programs currently in progress which include: youth basketball, adult volleyball league, adult fitness classes, and indoor soccer. Brogan stated that the spring soccer and Impact Volleyball (new) registration is concluding. Brogan stated that the hiring of spring and summer employees is in progress. Geary stated that the spring and summer program brochure is due for distribution in late February.

**Park:** Brogan stated that the open park laborer position has been advertised and that there is a February 15<sup>th</sup> application deadline. Heinig stated he has received 60 application so far. Brogan has applied for three Corrine Zielke Baseball grants: 1) Deer Wood Park new batting cage, 2) Deer Wood Park remaining fence repairs, and 3) Remington Hills Park dugout concrete and fencing.

**Pool:** Brogan stated that previous staff has until February 27<sup>th</sup> to indicate if they are returning.

The committee discussed the Remington Hills Park tennis courts resurfacing and possible pickleball conversion. Brogan stated the committee has three options to choose from: 1) resurface as two tennis courts, 2) convert to four pickleball courts, or 3) resurface one tennis court and convert the other tennis court into two pickleball courts. Brogan stated that \$13,000 was budgeted for resurfacing, but \$20,000 budgeted for a used bucket truck could be transferred to the resurfacing project. Anderson stated he favors the hybrid option, as there is a demand for tennis and the Village does not want to remove all of the tennis courts from that side of town and there is interest in pickleball also, this option will accomplish both and was the favored option in a Facebook poll by the Park & Recreation Department. The committee is recommending the option with two pickleball courts and one tennis court, as the options

for more pickleball courts (3 or 4) would be spaced too tightly and be less than the recommended spacing between courts. Stanek stated they recognize there is a growing demand for pickleball courts and a specific pickleball facility with 4-6 courts should be a priority in the development of the upcoming new parks. Motion by Stanek, second by Anderson to recommend to the board the conversion of one of the Remington Hills tennis courts into two pickleball courts and resurface the other existing tennis court for tennis; and that \$20,000 budgeted for a park bucket truck be transferred to the resurfacing project. Motion carried.

The committee reviewed the quotes for the resurfacing of one tennis court and the conversion of one court into two pickleball courts at the Remington Hills Park. Brogan stated Mathy, Valley Sealcoat, and Fahrner declined to submit quotes for the project. Motion by Stanek, second by Cain to recommend to the Board the approval of the quote from Upper Midwest Athletic Construction for \$25,085 for the Remington Hills Park tennis court resurfacing and conversion of one court into two pickleball courts. Motion carried.

The committee reviewed quotes for floor cleaners for parks, Village Hall, and pool. Brogan stated \$13,600 was budgeted for the floor cleaners; one is for the Halfway Creek West shelter, one is for the Halfway Creek East shelter, one is currently being used at Village Hall, and one is for the pool. Motion by Anderson, second by Cain to recommend to the Board the approval of the quote from Dalco for four floor cleaners at a cost of \$12,508.69 for parks, Village Hall, and pool. Motion carried.

The committee reviewed the quote for the 2019 fertilization and weed control contract for village facilities. Brogan stated there is an \$880 chemical increase from 2018 and we have had good service and results from Turf Maintenance. Motion by Cain, second by Anderson to recommend to the Board the approval of the 2019 fertilization and weed control contract for the Village of Holmen properties from Turf Maintenance in the amount of \$30,213.88 to be paid from park supplies. Motion carried.

The committee reviewed a quote for the Halfway Creek Park asphalt repairs and sealcoating. Brogan stated \$2,500 was budgeted for the project. Oium Asphalt did the sealcoating for the Deerwood Estates trail and park basketball courts in 2018 and did a good job. Mathy and Fahrner declined to submit quotes because it is a small project. Motion by Anderson, second by Cain to recommend to the Board the approval of the quote from Oium Asphalt Paving Inc. for the Halfway Creek Park asphalt repairs and sealcoating at a cost of \$2,534 from park capital outlay. Motion carried.

The committee reviewed a quote for the Deer Wood Park ball field fence repairs. Brogan stated the fencing is around 21 years old and has numerous posts heaving from frost and broken components, \$5,500 was budgeted for fence repairs. Phillips Fencing identified \$10,467 in needed repairs, so Phillips revised their quote and prioritized the most important repairs that could be completed for \$5,500. Motion by Cain, second by Anderson to recommend to the Board approval of the quote from Phillips Fencing for Deer Wood Park fence repairs at a cost of \$5,500 to be paid from park capital outlay. Motion carried.

**Other Business:** None

Motion by Anderson, second by Cain to adjourn at 5:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Mike Brogan  
Park & Recreation Director