

**Village of Holmen
Park, Recreation, and Library Committee
Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, June 4, 2014**

Committee Chairman Kulcinski called the Holmen Park, Recreation, and Library Committee meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on June 4, 2014 at the Holmen Village Hall.

Present: Dawn Kulcinski, Chuck Olson, Steve Johnston, Scott Heinig, Mike Brogan, Chris Geary, Deen Layland

Absent: None **Guests:** Pat Strupp, Eric Larson, Josh Abraham

Motion by Johnston, seconded by Olson to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2014 meeting. Carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None.

Library Director's monthly report: Layland informed the committee that the computer system is still not fixed at the library and a full monthly report cannot be calculated. Layland stated that the door count for May was down 3.1% from May of 2013. Layland stated that there were 5,491 items checked out in May 2014. Committee member Johnston asked when the computer issues would be fixed. Layland stated that it is unknown and it could take an extended period of time to fix. Layland asked the committee what they would like to see in future monthly library reports. Chairman Kulcinski stated that she would like to see the ages of people using the library so we can get a better handle on our target users. Committee member Johnston stated that he would like to see where users are from. Layland informed the committee that summer reading program will begin soon at the library.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Johnston to move up agenda item #7, possible action and recommendation on potential addition of soccer kicking wall at Remington Hills Park. Eric Larson informed the committee that VYSA would like to work together with the Holmen Park and Recreation department to provide a soccer kicking wall for the community. Larson informed the committee that the wall would be 8' x 24' and double sided. Larson stated that the wall could be made out of treated lumber, composite material or concrete. Larson stated that the treated lumber option would cost roughly \$1,000 and that there would be fundraising done by VYSA to help defer some of the cost. Larson stated that VYSA would like to install the wall in Remington Hills Park near the existing volleyball court. Larson stated that the Pack 91 Scouts are looking for a project and would help VYSA with the installation of the wall. Brogan asked if any surrounding communities have a kicking wall. Larson stated that CRUSA had one in La Crosse, but it was taken down. Committee member Johnston asked what the lifespan of a treated lumber wall would be. Larson stated that it would be roughly 7 to 8 years. Chairman Kulcinski stated that vandalism of the wall would be a big concern. Pat Strupp stated that VYSA would look into getting paint to cover any vandalism. Administrator Heinig stated that the wall would have maintenance concerns but thought it would be a good idea. Heinig stated that it may not be possible to install the wall at Remington Hills Park and the staff may have to look at different parks better suited for this project. Brogan stated that vandalism will be a big concern and the staff would have to check the irrigation at the park before installing a wall. Committee member Johnston asked if the purposed wall would get off hours use. Larson stated that he thought it would. Geary stated that there are 450 kids in soccer programs in the park and recreation department and it is one of the fastest growing sports in the community. Committee member Johnston stated that he likes the idea and would like to see a cost breakdown with the fundraising dollars. Committee member Olson stated that he supports the idea but would like the park and recreation staff to give a recommendation to make sure it is put in the right park. Olson also stated that he would like to see a cost breakdown for all of the material options for the wall. Olson stated that if we put this wall in, that it should be done right. Chairman Kulcinski stated that she would love to have it but is concerned about the vandalism of the wall. Administrator Heinig stated that the committee should direct staff to take these considerations and try to find an appropriate place to construct the wall.

Park and Recreation Director's monthly report:

Recreation: Brogan informed the committee of the programs that were recently completed: Viking soccer academy, traveling soccer, spring track, middle school tennis, Morris Challenge, ballroom dancing, adult fitness classes, and Touch A Truck. Administrator Heinig thanked the park and recreation for their work on the Touch A Truck event. Brogan informed the committee of the programs currently in

progress: men's softball league, adult sand volleyball league, girls fast pitch softball, and t-ball. Brogan informed the committee of the upcoming programs in the department: summer track, archery, high school volleyball league, middle school volleyball league, summer basketball, tot fun and games, games-games-games, baton twirling, intro to softball, Zumba, Piyo, tennis lessons, smash tennis team, cardio tennis, middle and high school tennis with Greg Jameson, adult tennis, USTA Jr. Team Tennis, young explorer rain forest adventure, United Coulee Region Brewers Bus Trip, Zach Malvik Basketball Camp, and the Packer Family Bus Trip.

Parks: Brogan informed the committee of upcoming band shell events: June 8 – The Executives, June 15 – Fat Cats, June 22 – Simply Rogue, June 29 – Ryan Hermann, July 1 – 451st Army Band, and July 6 – Hans Mayer. Brogan informed the committee that President Proctor is trying to add a dance floor area in front of the band shell with donated materials and labor. Brogan stated that irrigation relocation would cost \$800-\$1,000. Brogan stated that the un-conducted 220v Legion power line should be addressed and not just covered. Brogan updated the committee on the Junction Days Tournament that took place in Deer Wood Park over Memorial Day Weekend. Brogan stated that the group adhered to the stipulations that the Village put in place and that there were not any major issues. Brogan stated that there are a high number of shelter rentals during this time of year due to graduation parties. Brogan informed the committee that 5 trees were replaced this month: 4 at Remington Hills Park and 1 at Cedar Meadows West Park. Brogan informed the committee that the Tool Cat has been exchanged for the 2014 model and that it costs \$2,500 yearly.

Pool: Brogan informed the committee that the pool opened on May 31st for the season and it will close on August 24. Brogan informed the committee that the County Health Department Pool Inspection took place on June 3rd and there were no violations. Brogan informed the committee of the upcoming programs at the pool: swimming lessons, Hurricane Swim Team, water aerobics, Aqua Zumba, lap swim, and the first pool theme party on Wednesday, June 18th. Brogan stated that they re-piped lines going in and out of pool filters that were pulling down the ceiling in the maintenance room. Brogan stated that the department has yet to be invoiced for this project. Brogan informed the committee that new pool signs were installed on 2nd Avenue and that the Garden Club recently planted flowers below the signs. Brogan stated that we have paid Andrew Carlson to get his Lifeguard Instructor certification so he can train and re-certify lifeguards at the pool. Brogan informed the committee that Chad Burroughs and Jason Dressen have taken the Certified Pool Operator tests and the Village now has 10 people certified. Brogan informed the committee that there was a pool heater failure and an emergency repair would cost \$9,989.69. Brogan stated that a replacement heater would cost \$21,880. Administrator Heinig recommended consensus among committee members to bring this before the Board at the next meeting. All members agreed to bring the purchase of a replacement heater to the Board.

The committee reviewed a park reservation request for use of Halfway Creek Park for Kornfest to be held on August 15-17, 2014 by the Holmen American Legion. Brogan informed the committee that it would be the same setup as in the past. Brogan stated that last year the Legion was required to put down a \$1,000 deposit. Brogan stated that the setup for Kornfest would take place the week before it starts.

Motion by Olson, second by Johnston to approve the park reservation request with a \$1,000 deposit for Kornfest on August 15-17, 2014 at Halfway Creek Park. Carried unanimously.

Brogan introduced Josh Abraham, the new department intern from UW-L. Brogan stated that Abraham began on May 27th and will be here through mid-August.

Motion by Olson, second by Johnston to adjourn at 6:38 p.m. Motion carried.

-Chris Geary, Assistant Park & Recreation Director