

Minutes
Saratoga Parks Committee Meeting
(SPARKS)

Date: Sunday, March 7, 2021

Time: 12:00pm

Location: Saratoga Town Hall- Office Building

Members Present: Bill Leichtnam, Rhonda Carrell, Gail Kretschmer, Karolyn Weber

Members Present by Phone: Pam Linka

At 12:08, with Bill Leichtnam- Wood County Board Supervisor- acting as chair, the meeting was called to order.

First Item on Agenda: Elect a chairman for the SPARKS committee

- Kretschmer nominated Carrell for Chairmanship
- Leichtnam asked three times for nominations
- Hearing no other nominations, Leichtnam moved for Rhonda Carrell to be Chairperson of SPARKS
- Kretschmer 2nd the motion
- Vote taken: PASSED
- Rhonda Carrell is Chair of the SPARKS Committee

2# item on agenda was moved to # 3 on agenda

Second Item Discussed: Grant Writers for Knowles/Nelson Stewardship Grant

- DNR Contacts: Pam Rood- 608.264.9215
Gina Keenan- 715.492.1626
- Discussion on potential grant writers
 - Use DNR for guidance
 - Use County Planning and Zoning for guidance
 - Need between 40-80 hour to write grant
 - Seek out guidance from & network with:
 - Incourage Foundation
 - Joe Ancel – Clean Green

- Mead/ Witter Foundation
- Library
- Jason Grueneberg-Wood CO Planning & Zoning
- Terry Witmore- Nekoosa Schools
- Patt Pisellini- Central WI Nature Foundation
- *Robyn Walker- Grant Writer in Stevens Point

Third Item on Agenda: Discuss possible locations for Park/Parks

- #1 location- Bell Road & Adams Ave- South of Ten Mile Creek. Current owners= DNR and Wysocki
- #2 location- End of Ten Mile Ave. West by WI River Flowage. Current owners=Wisconsin River Power Company
- #3 location-Ten Mile Ave & Blue Ridge – Ten Mile Creek Cuts through property. Current owners= DNR
- #4 location- Ten Mile Ave., Blue Ridge, Love Ct. Current owners= Femling & DNR
- #5 location- Wakely Road Current owners= Point Basse & Domtar

Fourth Item on Agenda: Development Plan- See Attached Plan

- Attached is the draft
- We made some adjustments during discussion

Fifth Item on Agenda: Comments from group

- Walk the top two properties
- Invite Town Chairman along
- Bring check list for grant points
- Scheduled to walk lands on March 14, 2021 at 2:00pm

Meeting Adjourned at 4:30 pm