

# Minutes

## Saratoga Parks Committee Meeting

### (SPARKS)

Date: Sunday, March 22, 2021

Time: 3:30 pm

Location: Saratoga Town Hall- Office Building

Meeting Noticed on: March 18, 2021

Members Present: Rhonda Carrell-Chair, Bill Leichtnam, Gail Kretschmer, Terry Rickaby

Others Present: Dan Forbes

At 3:35, Rhonda Carrell- SPARKS Chair called the meeting to order

By-passed minute approval from 3-7-21 meeting. Minutes will be approved at next meeting

Agenda Item #1 Discussed thoughts on possible park location

- After walking parcels of land as possible candidates for Saratoga's Park location, we discussed the possibility of pursuing our top two locations.
- #1 location = Ten Mile Creek and Bell Road potential
  - Wysocki and DNR currently own property
  - Hunting, Trapping, Fishing
  - Kayaking access
  - Non-motorized multi use trails
    - Including Accessible Trails for enjoyment
    - Hiking Trails
    - Horseback riding
    - Snowshoeing
    - Cross country ski
    - Fat tire bike/ mountain bike trail
  - Composting toilets
  - Sandpoint or Drilled well
  - Open Park Shelter/ could be enclosed pavilion in future
    - Solar Power
  - Central Wisconsin Trail System
    - ATV/UTV- Trail Head or access point to Adams County ATV trail.
    - Snowmobile trails access
      - Will provide trailer parking lot
      - Rustic/Dry Camping
  - Will try to preserve much of the area as natural area

- #2 location= Ten Mile Ave. West of HWY Z
  - Wisconsin River Power company currently owns property/ DNR Property nearby
  - Larger Property-
  - Many of the same attributes/possibilities as #1 location
  - More water
    - Back waters of WI River
    - Access to Wisconsin River
    - More boating options
  - Birdwatching- incredible
  - Talk about the road needing repair
    - Metal recycling business on Road
    - Big trucks beat the road pretty bad
    - Road cuts through low land area
    - Est. at least \$100,000 to fix the road
  - Boat dock on potential new site
    - Mentioned that Gordy (Plan Commission) has been talking to WI River Power for two+ years- Wants to improve the parking lot for boat dock off of Hwy Z adjacent to Adams County ( By Romono's). Adjacent Property to the east of what we are looking at acquiring.

Agenda Item #2      Motion for the Town of Saratoga's Board

- SPARKS request approval from the Town Board to make inquiries as to the possibility of purchasing or leasing acreage for a town park at possible locations under the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program or other grant programs.
- Motion approved unanimously

Agenda Item #3      Plan going forward for SPARKS

- Contact Gina Keenan for more information on Knowles-Nelson
- Research other grant programs- NRPA, etc.
- Group suggested the hiring of a Town Administrator
  - Rickaby agreed with the suggestion
- Compile a list of grant writers
  - Get bids
  - Report back to town board
- Inquire with Wysocki and Wisconsin River Power
- Next Meeting April 14, 2021 at Town Hall Office Building

Meeting Adjourned at 6:35pm