

Minutes
Saratoga Parks Committee Meeting
(SPARKS)

Date: Monday, August 9, 2021

Time: 11:00AM

Location: Saratoga Town Hall- Banquet Hall

Members Present: Rhonda Carrell (On Phone), Bill Leichtnam, Gail Kretschmer, Sarajane Snyder (On Phone)

At 11:02 AM, Rhonda Carrell called the meeting to order.

Declaration of a quorum recognized

Public Comment: No public comment was given

Minutes from July 19, 2021 were tabled until next time

Discussion of parks and alternate locations:

- Need a natural preserve- not so much a park.
- Leichtnam would like to see steps move forward on nature preserve with deadlines on who does what by when.
- Agreed to work between now and then to brainstorm & start leg work on what needs to be done

Collaborate with others:

- Counties
 - Wood
 - Adams
 - Portage
- Towns/ Villages/ Cities
 - Rome
 - Port Edwards
 - Grand Rapids
 - Grant
 - Wisconsin Rapids
 - Nekoosa
- DNR
- Funding- North Central Plan Commission (Use Their Expertise)
- Kretschmer stated Committee should start planning first. Then reach out to local municipalities when we have an idea or general proposal.

Nepco Lake Access

- Need signs on Hwy Z and Hwy 13 stating public access to Nepco Lake
- Kretschmer made a motion to place signs on Hwy Z and Hwy 13 to advertise our public access point on Nepco Lake. Snyder Second. Motion Passed unanimously.
- Continue to work on a development plan

Town Center & other ideas:

- Where should our town center be located? HWY 13 & Hwy 73
- Landscape the Town Hall
- Beautify Saratoga- Master Gardeners

Committee agreed that someone should make it to the next CEED Meeting which will be held after the County Board meeting tomorrow, August 17, 2021 around 10:00 am. Kretschmer agreed to attend on behalf of the two grant request which were written and submitted. She will be prepared to present information and answer any questions the CEED committee may have regarding our requests. Committee will be making decisions on grants.

Next Meeting is September 20, 2021 at 6:00 PM at the Saratoga Town Hall-Banquet Hall

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm. Leichtnam moved to adjourn. Snyder second. Motion passed unanimously