

MEETING MINUTES - CITY OF TOMAH

A meeting of the **Parks & Recreation Commission (PRC)** for the City of Tomah was held on Monday the 17th day of April 2017 at 5:45 p.m., City of Tomah Council Chambers.

The following members were present: Oak Moser, Dir. Joe Protz, Larry Siekert, Steve Doll, Bruce Peth, Shirley Galstad-Roh, Dustin Powell, Tess Saunders

The following members were absent: Mike Murray

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Others present: Roger Gorious

Act on Minutes of regular meeting. A motion by Peth, to accept the minutes of the 4/17/17 regular meeting, with the note that the minutes incorrectly list Mike Murray as both absent and present (Mr Murray was absent), second by Saunders. All ayes. Motion carried.

Act on request by Tomah Arts Guild for Tomah Trail of Arts: The Tomah Art Guild would like permission to to conduct the second annual Tomah Trail of Art along the Tomah's recreational trail between Butts Ave/Lake Tomah and West Superior Ave on Aug 19, 2017, from 10AM to 4PM. Artists from the surrounding area would display/demonstrate their work. Artists would be able to sell their work. Concessions may be sold. Free will donation boxes would be set up to help defray costs to the Tomah Art Guild (TAG). TAG would be responsible for set up, signage (to include landowner permissions as needed), parking permission from business owners on the west end of the trail section, clean up following the event. The first event in 2016 was conducted without incident. Motion by Moser, second by Galstad-Roh to approve the TAG request for the Tomah Trail of Arts on Aug. 19. All ayes, motion carried.

Recap of Chasing Daylight TNR event and request for use of Recreation Building for spaying, neutering, and micro chipping event: The first TNR (trap, neuter, release) event was held Feb. 22, 2017. 22 community cats were spayed/neutered. All animals were treated humanely (fed, vaccinated, treated for fleas/ticks, etc..)and released were they were trapped. The operation was conducted from a building at Rec Park. Chasing Daylight would like to facilitate two events this fall. One event would be a microchipping event for Monroe County residents. It is hoped that 100 pets will be microchipped during this event at no cost to the owners. The second event would be another free spay/neuter event similar to the Feb. 22 event earlier this year. This event is targeted for Sep. 20 and the request is to uses the north building at Rec Park once again. Motion by Peth, second by Saunders, to permit Chasing Daylight Animal Shelter to conduct the two events (microchipping with date to be determined and then approved by Dir Protz and spay/neuter on Sep 20) in the north building at Rec Park with no fee. All ayes, motion carried.

Update on Boy Scout Cabin: Wayne Kling was present to update the PRC on the historical preservation efforts for the log cabin in Buckley Park. Mr Kling indicated that the cabin is now on the Wi State Historical Building Registrar and an application has been filed for the National Registrar. The city has over

\$1000 that has been previously raised by private individuals in an account reserved for the preservation of the cabin. Current estimates for some of the preservation/restoration work are approx \$18,000. Fund raising efforts continue. Mr. Kling has been working with Parks and Rec, and Public Works to maintain the structures current condition as to prevent further deterioration. A next step is for Mr Kling to review the proposed plans with the Building Inspector for the City of Tomah to determine potential occupancy possibilities. It is not anticipated that any work would be undertaken until at least 2018.

Parks and Rec Program Report: Dir. Protz reviewed the monthly Parks and Recreation Program Report. Rec Dept activities continue with spring and summer program implementation and preparation work.

Other Affairs:

- Some additional Recreation Trail signage is needed at some points on the trail where to identify where the trail continues
- The yard bombing trial year in Gillette Park has ended and the tree coverings will be removed.
- The Aquatic Center parking lot is to be ready by June 10 this year.

Motion by Peth to adjourn, second by Saunders. All ayes, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

Next regular monthly meeting to be held May 22, 2017, 5:45PM in Council chambers.

Respectfully Submitted: Oak Moser