

**CITY OF AMERY  
PARKS & REC COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS  
April 22, 2019**

The Parks & Recreation Committee of the City of Amery met on April 22, 2019 at City Hall. Chairman, Rick Van Blaricom called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman, Rick Van Blaricom; Vice-Chairman, Sarah Flanum and Member, Tim Strohbusch.

Staff Present: Administrator, Kim Moore; and Clerk, Patty Bjorklund.

Staff Absent: Public Works Director, Alan "Bones" McCarty.

Others Present: Mayor, Paul Isakson; Council Member, Julie Riemenschneider; Ed Flanum and Gregg Rochester.

**Music on the River Committee Request – Security System at the Band Shell**

Ed Flanum presented a cost estimate for the Amery Community Club Alarm.com Cellular Security Installation at Michael Riverfront Park. The total cost is \$2,702.24 from CWS Security in St. Croix Falls, WI. The installation has a 5-year warranty and includes an 8 channel HD Recorder with 4 terabytes (TB) of storage, as well as Dome Camera, 24-Volt Power Supply, 19' Monitor and UPS Battery Back-up. Cabling and conduit are provided as well. Strohbusch noted that Wi-Fi needs to be located there. Flanum stated that he could present another estimate that includes the Wi-Fi option. He will also present to the Community Club to see if they will pay ½ of the cost. Chairman, Van Blaricom asked if Vice-Chairman, Flanum could provide estimates before city council meets on May 1<sup>st</sup>. He stated he would be able to do that.

**Goose Issues**

Public Works Director, McCarty was not present, but it was reiterated that there still are problems with goose droppings in the city, Van Blaricom noted. He would like to see McCarty and the school work together and contact the US Fish & Wildlife to help with the problem.

**Camp Host Hiring**

Administrator, Moore presented a "draft application and duties" for city hiring of campground hosts for North Park. It was her hope that the committee would approve the draft and recommend to the city council for approval.

Motion by Member Strohbusch; seconded by Vice-Chairman, Flanum to recommend the draft application and duties for campground hosts for North Park to the Amery City Council at their May 1, 2019 Council Meeting.

Ayes – 3

Nays – 0

Motion Carried

**Costs of Restroom Renovation**

Chairman, Van Blaricom asked if the committee needs to re-examine the costs of restroom renovation at Michael Riverfront Park. Member, Strohbusch would like to see a new building plan in place. The costs should be presented before the 2020 City of Amery Budget is prepared in October 2019. The committee will review the process again in June or July of 2019.

**Polk County Maintenance of Cattail Bridge (Trail)**

Administrator, Moore noted that Polk County Highway Department will be doing work on the Cattail Bridge along the trail this summer. All work will stop by 4:30 p.m. each Friday. The work will commence late May or early

June 2019. The need for temporary (detour) signage by the Highway Department will be needed to divert traffic from Staffenson Avenue to the trailhead (alley) along Howard Avenue South, Chairman, Van Blaricom stated.

**Sign Placement @ North Twin Lake Boat Landing**

Mayor, Isakson had presented a map display that Amery Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District would like displayed at North Twin Lake Boat Landing. The example was taken from Bone Lake area. Mayor, Isakson stated that the association would most likely pay for ½ of the cost of the signage. Member, Strohubusch asked what was left in the budget for the cost of erecting that sign. Clerk, Bjorklund will do research before the May 1, 2019 Council Meeting.

Motion by Member, Strohubusch to recommend to the Amery City Council, to erect a sign similar to the one erected at Bone Lake for North Twin Boat Landing with the Amery Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District to pay ½ the cost and the City of Amery to pay the remainder.

Ayes – 3                                      Nays – 0                                      Motion Carried

**Cemetery Association Transfer of Amery Cemetery to City of Amery**

Vice-Chairman, Sarah Flanum queried what the City of Amery’s responsibilities are for the cemetery. Member, Strohubusch suggested that mowing weekly to every 2 weeks should be sufficient. Chairman, Van Blaricom felt that the Amery Cemetery Association should be responsible for urns and flowers and the City of Amery could do the mowing and weed whipping. The committee would like Administrator, Moore to contact the Amery Cemetery Association and notify them that the committee budgeted for mowing and weed whipping, and will not mow more frequently than 1 – 2 weeks. The flowers will be the express responsibility of the Amery Cemetery Association.

**Dog Park**

Gregg Rochester states that the dog park is within \$2,000 of reaching the goal for the \$8,000 fencing there. There have been articles in the local newspaper regarding etiquette of dog owners at the park. There were brochures sent out in all of the water/sewer/storm water bills for the city. Fundraising efforts are occurring through a Go Fund Me fundraising site. The dog park is set to open in the middle of June 2019, and is located at Minneapolis Avenue and Griffin Street East.

**Amery Softball Association – Jorgensen Fields**

Administrator, Moore presented Amery Softball Association’s 2018 Financial Report as well as the Thursday, April 11, 2019 Annual League Meeting Agenda. Moore stated that Eric Wojchik had presented the documents and there are expenses that have not been deducted from the \$8,354.52 account balance. The council was happy that a financial report was presented, and as part of the agreement to allow them to use the fields, one needs to be presented. Eric will be available in June to discuss further items relative to the expenses for the Amery Softball Association.

Motion by Member, Strohubusch and seconded by Vice-Chairman, Flanum to adjourn at 5:38 p.m.

Ayes – 3                                      Nays – 0                                      Motion Carried

Patty Bjorklund, WCMC, CMC, CMTW  
City Clerk-Treasurer