

**CITY OF AMERY  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS  
September 23, 2019**

The Parks and Recreation Committee of the City of Amery met on September 23, 2019 at City Hall in the Committee Meeting Room. Chairperson, Rick Van Blaricom called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Chairperson, Rick Van Blaricom; and Vice-Chairperson, Kris Vicker and Member, Chad Leonard.

Absent: None.

Staff Present: City Administrator, Kim Moore; City Clerk-Treasurer, Patty Bjorklund and Management Analyst/Deputy-Clerk, Benjamin Jansen.

Staff Absent: None.

Others Present: Mayor, Paul Isakson; Alderpersons, Julie Riemenschneider; Sarah Flanum; Sharon Paulson and Julie Anderson (Amery Women's Club).

**Soo Line Park Christmas Decorations:**

Alderperson, Sarah Flanum was present for the Amery Community Club. She noted that the club would like to have businesses from the area put up Christmas Decorations at Soo Line Park. She envisioned the front area be available with 6 – 8 spots for use. Each spot would be approximately 12' x 12' with each spot having 1 outlet to decorate. The Amery Community Club wants to draw people in. There are specific guidelines as to what date the decorations can be installed as well as when they should be removed. This will not be a contest. They would like to make Soo Line Park a destination. The decorations will be placed the Tuesday before Thanksgiving and taken down December 31<sup>st</sup>. Holiday Stroll currently uses the park as well for a limited amount of time.

Motion by Vice-Chairperson, Vicker to recommend to the Amery City Council at their October 2, 2019 Council Meeting approval to allow and endorse the Amery Community Club Christmas Decoration Plan. Seconded by Member, Leonard.

Ayes – 3

Nays – 0

Motion Carried

**Bike and Pedestrian 5K and 2-Miler Trail:**

Mayor, Isakson discussed the 5K & 2-Miler Trail. Warren White will present proposals for costs to stripe the area. Amery Hospital & Clinic is discussing possible options to help defray the cost of the project. Mr. White will present proposals in the near future and hopes to go out to bid in February. No action taken at this time.

**Bathrooms at North Park:**

Sharon Paulson and Julie Anderson of the Amery Women's Club were present to discuss their concern about the condition of the North Park Bathrooms. They were concerned that the bathrooms were in dire need of repair and renovation. There are broken windows there and they are almost unusable. Chairman, Van Blaricom would like to see monies set aside in the budget for the expenses. Ms. Paulson noted that all new public facilities need to follow ADA Compliance. Chairman, Van Blaricom noted that the bathrooms and RV Park are closed November 1, 2019. There will be no work done next year, but he would like to see bids put out for the work next year. Public Works Director, Alan McCarty gave City Clerk-Treasurer figures for the bathroom renovation. It came it at approximately \$81,000. Future discussion will take place regarding the bathroom renovations or reconstruction.

**No Parking striping on south side by Boat Ramp at Granum Boat Landing:**

Former City Council Alderperson, Rick Davis made a request to City Clerk-Treasurer, Bjorklund regarding no parking striping in the parking lot of the boat landing. The committee noted that this is a problem. The entrance should be striped with No-Parking for 2 – 3 parking spaces. The discussion will be put on a future meeting with Public Safety for their input. No action taken at this time.

**Polk County Outdoor Recreation Plan and Planning for Public Input from City to Polk County:**

Mayor, Isakson noted that a letter was sent to Polk County Forestry and Parks. Management Analyst/Deputy-Clerk Jansen sent the letter for Mayor, Isakson. The letter detailed the fact that there was not enough mention of the Park and Recreation areas in the City of Amery. There was almost no mention. The Public Input will take place in the near future, and Amery will represent their dissatisfaction of proper inclusion in the plan. No action taken at this time.

Motion by Chairperson, Vicker to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. Seconded by Member, Leonard.

Ayes – 3                      Nays – 0                      Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

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