

Parks and Open Space Committee Meeting
May 14, 2020
Teleconference

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by chairman, Doug King. Present via telephone were Jeff Kahl, Kay Watson, Gerhard Leutschwager and Michele Kittleson. Also on the phone were Linda Blushke, Rick Fredrickson and an un-identified individual.
2. Gerhard moved to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2019 meeting. Jeff seconded and the motion carried.
3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - A. Meeting will be held by teleconference and if technical problems are encountered, the Committee members should please try calling back three times five minutes apart and if unsuccessful, then call back in one hour, and if the Chair becomes disconnected, the remaining quorum of the Committee should appoint a temporary Chair and continue the meeting.
 - B. The Perry Land Use Committee confirmed that the "views and vistas" referenced in the Town of Perry Land Use Plan "include the unobstructed view of the Blue Mounds from the Hauge Log Church" and the Town Board added this clarification to the list of items which will be considered when the Land Use Plan is updated.
 - C. The Town Board tabled the POSC recommendation to send a letter to the Dane County Park Commission asking the County for further information regarding the County's expressed interest in considering ownership of the Historic District Park.
 - D. The Town Board approved the POSC recommendation to apply to DNR for a Knowles-Nelson grant for a permanent restroom in the Historic District Park.
 - E. The Town Board tabled the POSC recommendation to contract for a portable restroom in the Historic District Park until the result of the Town's grant application to DNR for a permanent restroom is known.
 - F. The Town Board approved the POSC recommendation to send the park restroom to the Historic Preservation Commission for a Certificate of Appropriateness.

G. The Town Board approved the POSC draft easement agreement to restore pedestrian passage between the Historic District Park and the Historic Site as recommended by the Historic Preservation Commission for presentation to the Hauge Log Church Preservation Association for consideration.

H. Construction of the Heritage Circle in the Historic District Park will begin this Fall now that the recent legal claims against the Town which could have affected the Parkway Road near the Heritage Circle were denied by the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

4. Doug moved that the Perry Parks and Open Space Committee wishes to say thank you to Kay Watson for her years of service to the Committee and the Town of Perry and commends her for her voluntary reappointment to the Committee under challenging circumstances. Kay provided valuable knowledge, insight and advice from her long history of experience with the Town and we thank her for contributing her time and attention to leaving the parks of Perry better than when she found them for future generations of visitors to enjoy. Jeff seconded the motion and the motion carried with a thank you from everyone!
5. Doug moved that the Perry Parks and Open Space Committee hereby ratifies the presentation of the following Committee requests to the Town of Perry Board of Supervisors previously recommended to the Board by the Committee:
 - a. Apply for a Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant Program to construct a permanent restroom in the Hauge Historic District Park, or if grant funds are insufficient, acquisition and placement of a portable restroom in the park.
 - b. Contract for the location of a portable restroom in the Hauge Historic District Park if the Town's Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program grant application is unsuccessful.
 - c. Send a letter to the Dane County Parks Commission inquiring about Dane County's interest in ownership of the Hauge Historic District Park as stated in the Dane County 2018-2023 Parks and Open Space Plan approved by the Dane County Board of Supervisors and approved by the County Executive.
 - d. Prepare a Draft Joint Easement Agreement for restoration of the pedestrian passageway through the fence around the Hauge Log Church Historic Site as such passageway was recommended by the Town of Perry Historic Preservation Commission to the Hauge Log Church Preservation Association, for its consideration. Kay seconded and the motion carried.
6. Doug moved and Gerhard seconded that the Perry Parks and Open Space Committee hereby requests the Board of Supervisors to approve directing

Town Counsel to prepare and record a Deed Restriction to the Town's deed of ownership of the lands comprising the Hauge Historic District Park prohibiting development of the park and requiring transfer ownership of the park to Dane County should the Town Board ever decide that it is no longer interested in owning, operating or maintaining the park. Discussion: Kay asked if this deed restriction would in any way affect the easement from the Blushke's. The question was directed to Linda but she was unable to confirm. This would be something that the legal counsel would take into consideration. Motion carried.

7. Doug moved that the Perry Parks and Open Space Committee hereby requests the Board of Supervisors to approve inviting the Wisconsin Groundswell Conservancy, formerly Wisconsin Natural Heritage Land Trust, to submit a proposal to the Town for acquisition of a Conservation Easement on the Hauge Historic District Park to permanently prohibit development of the park by future Town Boards or other political initiatives or legal litigants. Gerhard seconded. Discussion: Michele asked how this is different from the deed restriction. Doug explained that this would be an alternative to the deed restriction. The motion carried.
8. Doug moved that the Perry Parks and Open Space Committee hereby requests the Board of Supervisors to approve adding the following statement in bold to the Historic District Park Brochure: "the Historic Site is closed in Winter." Jeff seconded and the motion carried. [Note: The addition is being requested by the Dane County Parks Department.]
9. Doug moved that the Perry Parks and Open Space Committee hereby requests the Board of Supervisors to approve applying for an Alliant Energy Grant for additional playground equipment in the Daleyville Park. [Note: Alliant Energy awarded partial grant funding to the Town for playground equipment in 2019.] Kay seconded and the motion carried. Note: Mick Klein-Kennedy is shopping for a teeter-totter to be purchased with the grant money that was awarded in 2019.
10. Doug moved to remove from the table the motion to apply for a Prairie Restoration grant. Gerhard seconded and the motion carried.
11. Doug moved and Kay seconded the motion that the Perry Parks and Open Space Committee hereby requests the Board of Supervisors to approve applying for a grant to continue prairie restoration in the Historic District Park. Carried.
12. Kay moved that the Perry Parks and Open Space Committee hereby

requests the Town Board of Supervisors install a larger, brighter, reflective sign that states Park Bounday on the Northwestern Park Boundary at the David Gehl property. Jeff seconded and the motion carried.

13. Under Public Comments, Rick Fredrickson, President of the Hauge Log Church Preservation Association, thanked the Committee for the opportunity to participate in the teleconference. Doug said he sincerely appreciated Rick's participation in the meeting.

14. Kay moved to adjourn the meeting. Gerhard seconded. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Kittleson