

Parks and Rec Meeting
September 22, 2023

Present: John Dossett, Kelly Dossett, Donna Maughlin, Sandy Thompson, Chris Allen, Jonalie Comeau

The meeting came to order at 2:00 pm.

One topic discussed was the historic jail. Chris said that there is not much room to work to get good drainage. The property line is right up against the north side of the jail; to the south the line is not very far from the jail, giving us very little room in which to work. We are waiting for Ron Warren to be able to survey so that we can determine the square footage of the section which we would like to purchase and then begin the process to purchase that section. Involved also would be selling a section to Matt Diehl on the other side of Farmer Street.

Kelly is going to get a quote from Randy for a new sign on the jail.

The next topic was trees. John says there are only 3 trees in town that should be taken down. The question is who can take them down. Donna knows someone in Polson who might be able to do the work. Possibly Bruce could, too, although he is very busy.

For new trees – one thing to consider in cost is – where are the underground sprinklers and will they need to be moved? Where to put the new trees? A couple factors were considered:

- Where will the roots go – what will they affect in the future?
- Where are the underground sprinklers?
- How will we get water to the trees?
- What is around them, that would be affected?

Kelly suggested that trees could be planted in front of the pool building. This would give some shade and beauty to the area without taking away recreation space. Donna suggested another place – near the pavilion. As the pavilion is used often for picnics and other gatherings, shade in the area would be most welcome! Donna suggested small red maples, which grow fast. It was also suggested to put trees in the northeast corner of the park, but this would encroach on the large recreation area of the park.

John and Kelly mentioned that it is wise to intermix hardwood and softwood, to have some trees that will grow quickly and give shade and then to have some that take longer to grow but are longer lasting.

The next meeting will be Friday, October 6 at 11:00 in Fred Young Park to begin taking inventory of the trees that we currently have and the ones that need to be pruned or taken down.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm

