

CITY OF PRESCOTT, WISCONSIN
MAY 11, 2020 PARKS AND PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a meeting of the Parks and Public Property Committee was held, Monday, May 11, 2020, Municipal Building, 800 Borner Street, Prescott, WI 54021.

Call to Order: Alderperson Ruona called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Members present were Tom Oss and Rob Daugherty. Also present Dustin LaBlonde and Seth Hudson representing Cedar Corporation. Israel Hass Director of Freedom Park and City Administrator Jayne Brand represented staff.

Ruona/Daugherty motion to approve minutes for January 20, 2020 passed without a negative voice vote.

Seth Hudson presented to the committee an update on the riverfront project. The parks committee has met and has put together a plan of what they would like to see happen as part of the riverfront project. A grant was applied for through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for a Multimodal Local Supplement grant. The city has been awarded a \$600,000 grant. The city has been working on an assessors plat for the downtown area. There have been issues working with the railroad. There were discussions if the trail to Freedom Park could also be part of the first phase. Cedar was directed to prepare costs for doing a survey for the trail to Freedom Park and scope for design of the riverfront.

Dustin LaBlonde presented the assessor's plat. It has been decided the assessor's plat will be done in phases as we are having trouble getting the railroad to respond. The first phase of the assessor's plat will be from the car bridge to Orange Street. There are a few properties which will have minor adjustments. Muddy Waters deck currently sits 12 feet into the city's public right of way. The city will grant them an easement at this time for the deck but if the deck needs to be rebuilt it will need to meet the setbacks. The assessor's plat will need to go to the state for a 30 day review then back to the council with 3 notices in the paper and a 30 day review for the public. It will need to be signed by all of the property owners.

Seth Hudson presented the information regarding the opinion we have received from the City Attorney in regards to information which was given to the city from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. It appears when the new train bridge was built there was paperwork which was filed. Hudson will continue to work with the railroad on the proposal.

The paperwork for the MLS grant has now been received from the state. **Ruona/Daugherty motion to recommend the acceptance of the MLS grant and move the paperwork forward to Council for approval passed without a negative voice vote.**

Other Business:

Alderperson Oss asked about putting the barricades back up permanently for the underpass under the railroad bridge. He explained he has seen a resident go under the underpass and a boater followed him because they didn't want to wait for the train. He feels if we keep up the barricades it would prevent people from going under the underpass. City staff will check with emergency services to get their opinions on leaving up the barricades.

Welcome & Heritage Center was discussed. Staff was directed to contact Dallas Eggers to see if there have been any thoughts of the Historical Society purchasing the Welcome & Heritage Center by June 15, 2020.

Alderson Oss commented on how the motorcycles take over the cul-d-sec at the end of Front Street for parking. He would like to see enforcement on this. It was discussed the proposed Riverfront Plan will include some additional parking.

Ruona/Seipel motion to adjourn passed without a negative voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jayne M. Brand
City Administrator