

**ALLOUEZ PARKS, RECREATION, & FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2017  
5:30 P.M., ALLOUEZ VILLAGE HALL, 1900 LIBAL STREET, GREEN BAY**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order at 5:39 PM by Lee Bouche.

Present: Lee Bouche, Bob Ferguson, Kelsey Prescott, Angela Kowalzek-Adrians, Rob Atwood

Excused: Dave Doran, Martha Bonnie

Also Present: Chris Clark

MODIFY / ADOPT AGENDA

**R. Atwood moved to adopt the agenda as presented. K Prescott seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

APPROVAL OF MARCH 28, 2017 MINUTES

**K. Prescott moved to approve the March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 minutes. B. Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Jim O'Rourke, 2339 Oakwood Avenue

- Belongs to a trails group that participated in the buckthorn removal and restoration of an overgrown area at Sunset Park. He is encouraging the continuation of this project and is offering to assist with grant funding acquisition if needed.
- C. Clark informed the Committee that this is a multi-year project that the Village has been working on with several volunteer groups to remove invasive plants and develop as time and funding allows.

INFORMATION/REPORTS

- a. C. Clark updated the Committee on the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Committee appointments for 2017. Lee Bouche and Bob Ferguson were appointed to the Committee through April 2020.
- b. C. Clark updated the Committee on the status and confirmed find of Emerald Ash Borer in Allouez. The positive find was located on village property along the East River just north of Wiese Park. Additional information is available on the Village website.
- c. C. Clark informed the Committee on this year's Arbor Day Event at Langlade Elementary School scheduled for Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. The event will include first grade students from Langlade School with a presentation on the history of Arbor Day and the planting of four Ivory Silk Tree Lilac trees along Libal Street by the school.

In addition the Green Bay Packers First Downs for Trees annual tree planting event will take place this year in Allouez at Green Isle Park. The tentative date will be May 25<sup>th</sup> with a confirmation in the near future.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: AMENDMENT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN TO INCLUDE A FUTURE TRAIL CORRIDOR ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF THE EAST RIVER

A. Kowalzek-Adrians presented information on adding a future trail corridor along the west side of the East River north of Allouez Avenue to St. Joseph St. She had concerns that waiting until the Comprehensive Outdoor Rec Plan (CORP) will be updated in five years may lead to more loss of village owned property along that corridor.

C. Clark discussed information in the current CORP and the Village Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. The future trail corridor was outlined as a long term project for the East River Parkway in the CORP. The installation of a bridge to span the East River at the east end of St. Joseph Street to connect to the East River Trail in Bellevue was also outlined in the CORP and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

Staff recommended making note of this item and waiting until the next CORP update in four years to incorporate the future trail developments along the East River Parkway rather than amending the current plan.

**A. Kowalzek-Adrians moved to not amend the Comprehensive Rec Plan at this time, but to wait until the next update to the plan. In addition, provide an update to the Plan Commission so that they are aware of the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Committees intentions to expand a trail connection through the East River Parkway. K. Prescott seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

DISCUSSION: URBAN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT IN THE VILLAGE OF ALLOUEZ

The Committee discussed the current status and future direction of urban wildlife in the village, in particular whitetail deer and wild turkeys. C. Clark presented a list of concerned citizens and issues with wildlife that the village has received in the past several years. Much of that correspondence references deer eating landscaping or crossing busy roads. Many of the locations referenced by citizens were similar locations of vacant natural areas along the rivers or close to the St. Norbert Abbey property.

These items were previously discussed by the Committee with community listening sessions in 2013. The Village, along with neighboring communities, performed a deer count at that time. Since then the Village has begun to reference Wisconsin Act 71, which allows archery hunting on private properties with distance requirements or permissions.

The Committee suggested the Department include survey questions on urban wildlife in the next CORP update. The Committee also suggested that staff continue to produce educational information for residents and disseminate via social media and other avenues available within the village.

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FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. None

ADJOURNMENT

**B. Ferguson moved to adjourn at 6:33 PM. A. Kowalzek-Adrians seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

Minutes taken by Chris Clark.