

**Walworth County Board of Supervisors  
Park Committee Meeting Minutes  
Monday, January 16, 2023  
Walworth County Government Center, County Board Room 114  
100 West Walworth Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin**

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Chair Sheila T. Reiff called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Roll call was conducted and the following members were present, either in person or by remote attendance: Chair Sheila T. Reiff; Vice-Chair Brian Holt; Supervisor Rick Stacey; Citizen Members Merilee Holst and Mariette Nowak (joined at 2:01 p.m.). A quorum was declared.

**Others in Attendance**

County Staff: Walworth County Administrator Mark W. Luberda; Director-Public Works Richard Hough; and Deputy Director-Asset Management (PW)/Park General Manager Matt Mortwedt.

**On motion by Vice-Chair Holt, second by Supervisor Stacey, the agenda was approved with no withdrawals.**

**On motion by Vice-Chair Holt, second by Citizen Member Nowak, the November 14, 2022 Park Committee meeting minutes were approved.**

**Public Comment** – There was none.

**Consent Items**

7a. Reports

1) Park Summary Report - January 2023

Deputy Director-Asset Management (PW)/Park General Manager Matt Mortwedt summarized his Memorandum (Pages 2-3); highlighting:

- Top Five Projects
- Upcoming Events or Work
- 2022 Parks Capital and Operating Budgets

Citizen Member Holst noted that Kettle Moraine Land Trust (KMLT) has scheduled events in April at Natureland and Price Parks.

2) 2022 White River State Trail Passes

Mortwedt shared that the total number of passes sold in 2022 was down 92 for annual and 400 for daily; and discussed the potential reasons for the decrease in numbers.

**New Business**

8a. Res. No. \*\*-02/23 Authorizing Naming the White River Park Trail Network the Nancy Russell Trail Network  
**Supervisor Stacey offered a motion, second by Citizen Member Holst, to approve the resolution Authorizing Naming the White River Trail Network the Nancy Russell Trail Network. Motion carried 5-0.**

Discussion then focused on the logistics of announcing the naming, and presentations relative to re-naming the trail; including the possibility of holding a Park Committee meeting at White River Park.

**Reports/Announcements by Chairperson** – There were none.

**Confirmation of next meeting date and time:** The next meeting was confirmed for Monday, March 20, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

**Adjournment**

**On motion and second by Vice-Chair Holt and Supervisor Stacey, Chair Reiff adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.**