

**Walworth County Board of Supervisors
Park Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 25, 2022
Walworth County Government Center, County Board Room 114
100 West Walworth Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin**

Director-Public Works Richard Hough 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: Supervisors Brian Holt, Sheila Reiff, and Rick Stacey; Citizen Members Marilee Holst and Mariette Nowak. 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.

Members of the Public: Rory Klick, Managing Director-Kettle Moraine Land Trust; Maddie Olivieri, Community Outreach Manager Geneva Lake Conservancy; Kiera Theys, Land Protection Manager Geneva Lake Conservancy; and Robbie Robinson, Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC.)

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

On motion by Supervisor Stacey, second by Supervisor Reiff, the February 14, 2022 Park Committee meeting minutes were approved.

Public Comment – There was none.

Special Order of Business

7a. Election of Committee Chair

Hough announced that nominations for the Park Committee Chairperson were open. **On motion by Supervisor Stacey, second by Supervisor Holt, Supervisor Sheila T. Reiff was nominated for Park Committee Chairperson.** Hough asked if there were any other nominations. Hearing none, **Supervisor Holt offered a motion, second by Supervisor Stacey, to cast a unanimous ballot for Sheila T. Reiff as Chair. Motion carried 5-0. Supervisor Stacey offered a motion, second by Supervisor Holt to close nominations for Park Committee Chair. Motion carried 5-0.**

7b. Election of Committee Vice-Chair

Chair Reiff announced that nominations for the Park Committee Vice-Chairperson were open. **On motion by Supervisor Stacey, second by Citizen Member Holst, Supervisor Brian Holt was nominated for Park Committee Vice-Chairperson.** Chair Reiff asked if there were any other nominations. Hearing none, **Supervisor Holt offered a motion, second by Supervisor Stacey, to close nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Supervisor Stacey offered a motion, second by Citizen Member Holst, to nominate Brian Holt as Park Committee Vice-Chair. Motion carried 5-0.**

7c. Role of Park Committee

Hough provided an overview of the information included in the meeting packet (Page 3.)

Consent Items

8a. Reports

1) Park Summary Report – April 2022

Deputy Director-Asset Management (PW)/Park General Manager Matt Mortwedt summarized his Memorandum (Pages 4-5); highlighting:

- Top Five Projects
- Upcoming Events or Work
- Summary of Completed Projects
- Parks Capital and Operating Budgets

2) Kettle Moraine Land Trust (KMLT) Annual Report

Managing Director-Kettle Moraine Land Trust (KMLT) Rory Klick gave the presentation: Conservation Partnerships (Pages 6-12); detailing:

- KMLT Mission
- KMLT Managed Sites
- Stewardship workdays with Walworth County Parks
- Community Engagement 3 key pathways to serve the KMLT mission and the local audience

3) Geneva Lakes Conservancy (GLC) Annual Report

Geneva Lake Conservancy Community Outreach Manager Maddie Olivieri presented the Geneva Lake Conservancy White River County Park: Past & Future Projects included in the packet (Pages 13-17); sharing:

- Geneva Lake Conservancy Mission
- 2021 Work-Days
- August 6th Children's Educational Day
- Winter Solstice
- 2022 Projects
- Oak Savanna

Discussion then focused on plans for a second island of oaks.

Unfinished Business

9a. Park Educational and Volunteer Workdays schedule

Mortwedt pointed out this is the final version of the schedule (Pages 18-19.) Discussion then focused on inclement weather and how events are rescheduled and advertised. **Supervisor Stacey offered a motion, second by Vice-Chair Holt, to accept the Park Educational and Volunteer Workdays Schedule. Motion carried 5-0.**

9b. SEWRPC presentation of the Final Park and Open Space Plan 2050

Robbie Robinson from Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) summarized the Park and Open Space Plan for Walworth County – Public Review Draft included in the packet (Pages 20-212); briefly detailing the process leading up to the plan completion. Discussion ensued relative to the President's climate change initiative and formal comments received during the public hearing. Robinson affirmed he will create the final draft, correcting the footnote error and including the separate appendix as was discussed, for the next Committee meeting. **Vice-Chair Holt offered a motion, second by Supervisor Stacey, to approve the Public Review Draft Park and Open Space Plan 2050 moving to a final version and request that staff create a resolution to be brought to the next meeting for final approval. Motion carried 5-0.**

Reports/announcements by Chairperson – There were none.

Confirmation of next meeting date and time: The next meeting was confirmed for Monday, June 20, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

Adjournment

On motion and second by Supervisor Stacey and Vice-Chair Holt, Chair Reiff adjourned the meeting at 3:08 p.m.