

**City of Oronoco
Parks and Trails Committee Meeting
Unapproved Monday, April 1, 2024
At The Community Center at 7:00 pm**

Members:

Present: Justin Black, Katie Dudley, Ryland Eichhorst, Paul Pendergrass, Kevin McDermott (preparing for membership)

Zoom: Lance Sorenson

Absent : Dawn Littleton

City Staff: Jason Baker, New City Administrator

City Parks Staff: John Huey

Guests: Kristin Leveque from Greater Rochester

Agenda approval

Mayor Ryland provided updates on the Zumbro Water Trail - The LCCMR application is in the appropriations bill. Working with SEH Consulting on the Work Plan details.

Review City Council Minutes - requests for funds for plants were approved

Update on any DOT news near Highway 52 – Ryland – Still waiting for the State regarding a Contract for Deed with a stipulation the land will be used for public purposes. No market value number has been shared either from MNDOT.

All Parks

Porta-Potties Should be “installed” from May to October

Age Friendly Oronoco - has been officially designated by AARP. There will be a listening session on April 2 at the Presbyterian Church from 4 to 6. A Resource Fair will be held on April 24 from 3 to 6 at School House Events, both in Oronoco.

DNR Grant for EAB – Update – Dawn and Lance have been in contact with Cain and will get trees ordered and planted in several parks.

Community Center Park & Grounds - Katie & Dawn

Community Center/City Hall Area/Allis Park Planters – Dawn will be working on ordering plants and getting assistance to plant them in May.

Allis Park - Garlic Mustard removal - Late May would be a good time to pull the weeds

Oronoco Park – Excel Energy Transmission Line - is that going to go through the park? We need to pay attention to any updates. Oronoco City Council did request the line be placed alongside the CAPX2020 line.

Security issues have come up again at night at Oronoco Park. Ongoing...

Music in the Park -The dates for Music in the Park are Sundays from 7 to 8 pm. June 2nd LP & 45's Band, June 16th Triple Berry Pie, June 30th Classic Brass Quintet and July 28th Uptown Jazz. This has been sent to the council for approval.

Previous Lake Bed trails – The parks staff has been looking into extending the walking trails to circle around. Justin plans to put bluebird houses out along the trail again.

Garden Park - Justin plans to put bluebird houses out here again. We're hopeful to have citizens rent out garden plots this year. And hoping the water line is working ok after construction.

River Park - Suggestion to name the blacktop trail to the Woodlands Subdivision in memory of Charlie Fried. Dawn and Lance will bring back a detailed application process to the May meeting.

Caryl Cowden Park – Wondering if the disk golf tees are being used.

Riverwood Hills Park – More trails will be paved here sometime soon. A dog park could be in the future as well, we're exploring different locations for it.

Memorial Park – Just leave City sign with grass underneath

Next meeting: April 1, 2024

Adjourn – Motion to adjourn by Katie 2nd by Justin. Adjourn at 8:20pm

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PARK SYSTEM

Garden Park

City Parks are open from dawn until dusk.
Pets must be on a leash & stay out of playground area.
Motorized vehicles and alcohol are prohibited.