

I. Meeting was called to order at 2:00pm

II. Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve agenda.
Ann/Heather **Favor: All** **Opposed: None**

III. Approval of Minutes
Motion to approve minutes of August 23, 2023 meeting.
Ann/Heather **Favor: All** **Opposed: None**

IV. Old Business - None

V. New Business

A) Proposal to vacate Manhattan Beach Entrance ROW – The city started the process to consider vacating this ROW. The Crosslake ROW ends before the water, turns into Fifty Lakes ROW to the water. Technically the Crosslake ROW does not terminate at the water, but the ROW does due to the Fifty Lakes/Manhattan Beach portion. The proposal is for a 50/50 split for the adjoining property owners. This vacation request was started by city staff due to erosion and other issues. The DNR did comment on this one and asked that it not be vacated due to springs on Trout near the main public access and this being a good alternate access for ice fishing. Both adjacent property owners were present at the meeting. One owner stated that it is used regularly for snowmobile access to the lake, the other owner denies that this is even possible due to it being too steep for access and that it is not used by the public at all. There were differing stories coming from the adjacent property owners regarding use, erosion, the pavement on the ROW, the current use of the ROW by adjacent property owners. One owner had part of the ROW paved, they claim to have had permission from the city although there is no use agreement on file, they also maintain half of the ROW as their property. The other owner has denied any maintenance or upkeep of the ROW. The erosion was caused by the new road on Manhattan Point Dr. The owner worked with the city to correct the issue and denies that there is erosion. There are currently public utilities on the ROW. Neither of the adjacent property owners want the ROW to be vacated. After much discussion the commission declined to make a recommendation to the council on this issue.

- B) Hillcrest Beach ROW, Concerned Neighbor – We were provided with a letter from one of the neighboring property owners regarding the Hillcrest Beach sign that is across the street on private property. This is one of the ROW's that is scheduled to be marked in the first phase of the Task Force's plan. TJ will contact the property owner with the sign and the complaining neighbor to make them aware that the upcoming addition of signage to the ROW.
- C) Grant Opportunity, Clean Energy Resource Teams – There is an opportunity for community clean energy projects in MN. This would include solar panels, switching to LED lights, signage, etc. The grants would cover labor costs and the city would be responsible for material. Grants are for up to \$10,000. Crow Wing County has a program for LED bulbs, we could then be able to switch the entire community center to LED bulbs using both programs. No action is needed, this is info only looking ahead to next year.

VI) Other Business

A) Staff Report

- i. September City Council Directives – The Lafayette Beach ROW vacation was denied by council. The proposal from Thelen Heating to replace the last 2 HVAC units in the building for \$23,275 was approved. The proposal from Croix Management and use of the park general fund to cover costs outside of the budgeted amount for the landscape berm was approved. The council approved having letters sent to adjacent property owners of ROW's regarding removal of personal property, and approved marking ROWs 1, 6, 16, 25, 27, 29, 30, 32, 34, 35, 39, 40, 48, 50, 52, 54, per the Task Force recommendations. TJ reported to council that only one bid was received for the Polaris Ranger, the bid was \$1,500 under the minimum bid amount. Council voted to place the Ranger on govdeals.com. The council approved advertising for a joint Public Works/Parks Maintenance technician at a starting wage of \$18.45.
- ii. Pine River Overlook Park Update – Hydro seeding was completed. Picnic tables are out. Public works will be installing a camera. Signs will be installed on Cty Rd 3. Docks will be put out next year. There is also a possibility of adding a new trail.
- iii. Library Update – Saturday Sept 30 will be the final Saturday of summer hours, meaning the library will no longer be open on Saturdays. This is strictly due to a lack of volunteers. The Book sale was extremely successful raising about \$5,500. The final sale in September was very successful.

B) Comments from the commission – Ann informed the commission that a group of pickleballers from Eagan are coming to Crosslake to play next week. They have been informed of the rules and membership info.

C) Pequot Lakes Community Education Update –Joell was not in attendance.

VII) Open Forum – Mike O’Connell with the LAKE Foundation was in attendance to inform and update us on the foundation’s plans to start creating off road bike paths. They raised money to have a feasibility study done. They are currently looking at a \$2 million dollar plan to add 1.7 miles of trail, connecting the current trails on Cty Rd 66 and 3 to South Bay Park via East Shore Rd. TJ will send the commission the feasibility study when he receives it. Mike will be at the Crosslakers Town Hall on Friday with information about this endeavor.

VIII) Adjourn at 2:50 PM

Motion to adjourn.

Ann/Kristin

Favor: All

Opposed: None