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AGENDA

Parks and Recreation Committee
Monday, November 13th, 2023 at 7:00 PM
Fredonia Government Center - Board Room
242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, Wisconsin

**THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS WILL BE BEFORE THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
FOR INITIATION, DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, DELIBERATION
AND POSSIBLE FORMAL ACTION**

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance / Roll Call
3. Consent Agenda:
 - a) Approval of Minutes from Wednesday, October 11th, 2023 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting.
4. Public Comments
Please note public comments are limited to five minutes per person
5. Items for Discussion and/or Action:
 - a) Holiday Tree Lighting - Day of Event Details
 - b) Community Rivers Program Proposal
 - c) Winter Walk at Marie Krause Park- Continued Discussion
6. Correspondence
7. Items for future consideration by Parks and Recreation Committee.
8. Adjournment

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a majority of the Fredonia Village Board may attend this meeting in order to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility.

UPON REASONABLE NOTICE, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of disabled individuals through appropriate aids and services. For additional information or to request this service, contact the village clerk at 692-9125.

Village of Fredonia

Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes

October 11, 2023 at 7:00PM

1. **Call to Order:** *-Called to Order by Chairman Bartz at 7:01pm*
2. **Pledge/Roll Call:** *-Present: Chairperson Bartz, President Gehrke, Trustee Meyle Sr, Administrator Jenkins, Director Paulus, and resident Nicole Cottrell.*
3. **Consent Agenda and Minutes from 9-6-2023:** *-Motion to Approve by Meyle, 2nd by Bartz. Approved Unanimously.*
4. **Public Comments:** *-None*
5. **Items for Discussion and/or Action:**
 - a. **Splash Pad:** *Jenkins presented final design. Motion to Approve by Meyle, 2nd by Gehrke. Approved Unanimously.*
 - b. **Review September 8, 2023 Movie in the Park:** *Bartz presented – 120 people, good money raised. Overall successful event.*
 - c. **Holiday Tree Lighting – Day of Planning:** *Director Paulus presented quote from Holiday Outdoor Décor. Concluded to purchase 2 strands of 500 ft each for permanent placement in trees for an amount not-to-exceed \$1,734. Individual trees will still be allowed with a \$25 donation capped at 10 trees. Refreshments and entertainment will be donated and recruited from the community.*
 - d. **Discussion on Winter Walk:** *Jenkins reviewed minor preparation – light up candles will need to be procured and then placed in a path on the snow through Marie Krause. Free event, but either food pantry donations or cash for Parks/Rec are encouraged. President Gehrke suggested a bonfire and hot chocolate waiting for those who complete the walk. Tentatively January 19th, 2023 in the evening.*
6. **Correspondence** – None
7. **Items for future consideration:** *Next meeting November 13th at 7PM*
8. **Adjournment:** *Motion to Adjourn by Meyle, 2nd by Gehrke. Approved Unanimously. Adjourned at 8:37PM*

Community Rivers Program Proposal for Village of Fredonia



Increasing Water Quality through Education & Outreach in Your Community

Riveredge Nature Center builds nature-rich partnerships that help improve the health of our communities and natural world. Through the Community Rivers Program (CRP), Riveredge is committed to a specialized focus to create a connection between rural and suburban communities in the Upper Milwaukee River Watershed. Using asset based community development techniques and an open mindset, we've created a program that aims to engage, inspire, and educate individual citizens to care for their local water resources. Over time, citizens and the community as a whole will be better positioned to enact positive land management changes that improve the river ecosystem, watershed health, and the local communities. **All CRP programming can be**

included in reporting documents to indicate that your community is taking steps to provide high quality environmental education and outreach to your residents.

Increased Quality of Life

The CRP program is designed to build a sense of ownership and care around the shared river resource which runs through the cities, villages, and townships of the Upper Milwaukee River Watershed. Through our program model of directly interacting with residents in activities, we begin to build a rich sense-of-place through experiences that bring citizens together to have shared, enjoyable interactions on and around the river. Quality of life within a community is improved through open conversations, invitations to join the cause, connections between people and associations, respect for natural resources, and the desire for a healthy natural environment. Increased opportunities for residents to engage with each other, enjoy the natural resources in their backyard, and work together to solve challenges in their communities, will build upon the communities desirability to be a destination for living within the region.

Inspire

Help residents develop a passion for and connection with the Milwaukee River watershed right in their own backyards

Inform

Educate residents on how to install rain barrels, green infrastructure, planting with native species, composting and more!

Engage

Working hand-in-hand to empower communities and their residents to implement best practices for keeping their river healthy and clean.

PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP: VILLAGE OF FREDONIA

Riveredge Nature Center recommends the following CRP program package for the Village of Fredonia. This package provides community residents, associations, and businesses with inspirational and educational programs that will help to create a healthier Milwaukee River watershed. **Based on the population of your community and conversations with the Village of Fredonia, the fee for this proposed partnership is \$3,500.** This package includes programs and activities for village residents. All programs proposed are free of charge to your community residents. All program dates will be proposed by the Riveredge Community Rivers Program team and approved by the Village prior to marketing and promotion.

An additional 1-2 programs may be added to the overall list of offerings if an opportunity arises that allows the CRP partner with a resident and/or organization. *(for example, in 2018, we conducted a turtle release thanks to a village resident who had raised turtles all summer long).* **The programs and example descriptions are outlined below:**

Inspirational Programs

Kayak, Canoe or Tubing the River Trips (1 per year) - Municipality can choose which mode of recreation they would like to offer their citizens. River trip put in and take out locations will be assessed and decided upon by Riveredge Community Rivers Program staff and a Village contact. Families and participants ages 7 and up for tubing, 8 and up for canoeing, 10 and up for kayaking are invited to participate. Liability waivers provided by Riveredge CRP program, experience guided by Riveredge lifeguard certified staff. All equipment provided by Riveredge Nature Center. Program capacity limited by river conditions, equipment, safety protocols, and weather.

Winter Hike (or similar outdoor recreational program) (1 per year) - Program takes place at a park in your community and leads residents on a nature-based hike. If there is adequate snowfall, snowshoes may be used to try out a new recreational activity. Program guided by Riveredge staff and all equipment is supplied by Riveredge Nature Center.

Family Fishing Fun (1 per year)- A fishing location along the Milwaukee River in your community will serve as the location for this 2/3 hour program. Families with participants ages 3 and up are invited to learn how to tie a hook on a line, bait a hook, and safely cast a line into the water. Catch and release fishing only. Children under the age of 16 do not need a fishing license. Program guided by CRP staff or interns. All fishing gear is provided by Riveredge Nature Center. Capacity limited by safety protocols.

Community Partner Programs (1 per year) – Riveredge will partner with local organizations to host programming about water quality and their community in fun and innovative ways. These opportunities will be co-designed by CRP Team and Partner associations. Examples include: Library storytimes, summer school programs, property clean ups, & Lion's/Kiwanis Club events.

Community Events (presence at 3 per year) – Bring the CRP to your community events such as music in the park, farmer's markets, or national night out. Riveredge will host an informational booth with hands-on activities that will inspire participants to take action and become water stewards in their community.

Informational/Educational Program

Green Infrastructure Workshop (1 per year) - A rain barrel, rain garden, or native planting workshop and materials will be distributed to residents free of charge through an online sign up for this workshop. Workshop held at and presented by Riveredge Nature Center CRP Team and volunteers or Research and Conservation Director. Participants will learn how to plant native plants, rain gardens, or install their 55 gallon rain barrel, hear the importance of managing stormwater on their property, and improve water quality in their immediate neighborhood.

Watershed Tour (1 per year) – Experience the beauty, landscape changes, and land uses of the Milwaukee River Watershed; from its northern reaches to its southern input into Lake Michigan, we will explore why protecting the

Milwaukee River is vital to the importance of Southeastern Wisconsin communities. In person or virtual options available. Tours typically are a day long and highlight different individuals and organizations that are implementing healthy land and water management practices.

Water Trivia Night (1 per year) - A recreational evening best paired with a community center, local pub, or association. Trivia theme is all things water, designed to fuel some friendly competition and test citizens' knowledge. Emcee for Trivia provided by Riveredge CRP Team, prizes awarded for 1st & 2nd place. Location and date to be determined based on interested co-hosts and locations.

Lecture Series: Winter months (2/3 per year) - Educational lecture series that is held once a month for 1/2 hours during the winter months. Lecture series are open to all residents in CRP communities and can be held at public libraries, community centers, or other common public spaces. Presentations are led by individuals who are experts within their field and are based on topics that are relevant to or caused questions by residents and riverfront property owners.

Community Engagement

River Clean-up Program (1 per year) - Citizens will be invited to help keep the Milwaukee River and its shoreline clean by joining in a river clean-up along the shoreline. Location will be determined by CRP Staff team and a Village contact. All clean up materials (bags, gloves, grabbers) will be provided by Riveredge Nature Center. Pick up of trash collected on site will be the responsibility of the Municipality.

Stormwater Stenciling Program (1 per year) - Storm drain stenciling will be conducted with families, scout/youth groups, and local citizens in an effort to increase all residents' awareness of what flows into our waterways. All supplies provided by Riveredge Nature Center. Stenciling will be facilitated by CRP staff or interns. Locations of storm drains will be predetermined and approved by the municipal Department of Public Works prior to project kick off.

This is a Partnership...

Because this is a partnership, the Village will receive the proposed list of CRP program offerings and in return Riveredge requests that the Village will:

- Assist with marketing the CRP and associated programs - This can include but is not limited to marketing CRP events and programs within municipal newsletters or weekly village updates, allowing flyers hung at municipal buildings, sharing CRP programs on village facebook pages, etc.
- Assign a representative on the CRP Advisory Committee - Have a representative attend and actively participate in the CRP Steering Committee's meetings.
- Communicate with the CRP Coordinator on a regular (anticipated quarterly) basis to discuss outcomes and make adjustments if needed to better align CRP efforts with village goals.
- Provide programming space, if needed. - Access to common public spaces that can accommodate CRP residents.

We look forward to working with your village and residents in 2024/25!

Sincerely,

The CRP Team at Riveredge Nature Center