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BUILDINGS, PROPERTY & PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Village of Pepin Municipal Building

Thursday April 11, 2024, at 6:00pm

MINUTES:

1. **Call meeting to order** – Randy Kallstrom called the meeting to order at 6pm.
2. **Roll Call** – Members present were Randy Kallstrom, Mike Michaud, Shannon Van Allen, Greg Sandstrom, Dan Van Allen. Not present - Aaron Kallstrom.
3. **Approval of 09.25.2023 meeting minutes** – Shannon made a motion to approve the minutes from 9/25/23. Seconded by Greg Sandstrom, motion passes.
4. **Update/status on property with Midco Lease** - April 22nd is last day for service. Information we have is that MIDCO will remove the tower from land they were leasing up new the water tank. This land will be vacant, and we will need to consider what if anything needs to be done in the future there.
5. **Urban Forestry Grant Discussion/Action on tree selection/planting for Park area planting project** – Mike presented three bids for the trees we need for the park as part of the Urban Forestry Grant. Proposals were received from Stockholm Gardens, Sargent's Nursery in Red Wing, and from the Cabbage Patch nursery in Wabasha, There was a discussion around which varieties to order, and what services were provided regarding planting. Mike Made a motion to accept the bid from Sargent's Nursery, partly because of the planting services they are offering. Dan Van Allen Seconded the motion. Motion passes.

There was then discussion regarding which tree species to order. Given the sand plane soil conditions. There was also a desire to add diversity to the tree species in the park. Mike made a motion to order three Kentucky Coffee trees, three Heritage Oak, and three Hackberry trees. Greg Sandstrom seconded the motion. Motion passes.

6. **Discussion on next steps for 207 Lake St. property** – Discussion around a cover crop, and when to do it, also talk about adding black dirt. Randy said perhaps in the Fall. Still money available from TIF, about \$20k left. Discussion of the need for a survey, especially around the southeast corner boundaries.
7. **Discussion/Action on abandoned Mobile Home on Village property at Recycling Center** – Mike explained that the abandoned mobile home at the

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Village recycling center was previously used by Laura Ingalls Wilder group. They do not want any part of it. It has been emptied. Would cost about \$2k to have it torn apart and put in a dumpster. Could be dismantled. Could advertise to see if someone would take it away. Looking for a solution. Tabled for further investigation.

8. Existing Building issues. Updates/Action on any progress with the following;

- a) Roofing projects** – Need new quotes for replacing the roof on the pavilion at the Boat launch.
- b) Metal Slide removal** – Slide in northwest corner needs to be removed. Aaron will remove it.
- c) Depot Building at Park** – Needs paint and windows and a lot more. Mike will reach out to the County Historical Society to see if there may be funds available to help with the expense. Perhaps use some Tourism dollars too?
- d) 3rd & Locust Building (Corner where the school digital sign is located)** – There is still some hope that the building could be saved. The big question is whether the mold can be removed. We will inspect it.
- e) Post Office building** – One quote was too high for door and back windows. Looking for more quotes. The big window in front needs work.

9. Public Comments – Greg would like to take the post office rent money and put it into a special fund to use for building repairs.

10. Set next meeting date – To be determined.

11. Adjourn – Shannon made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mike. Motion passes.

Mike Michaud