

Watertown Park Commission

March 16, 2022

Agenda Item:	Discussion on Various Park Commission Topics
Request for Action:	Discussion on Various Park Commission Topics
Employee/Dept.:	Jake Foster, City Administrator

Background:

This agenda item is meant to provide general direction to the commission for 2022. It should serve as a general brainstorming and discussion opportunity around the following items.

Meeting schedule/cadence

Is the current monthly meeting schedule the appropriate cadence? Do commissioners feel adequately engaged if a meeting were to be canceled due to lack of pressing agenda items? Is there a need for any "time off" throughout the year?

Goal setting

The City Administrator would like to set a *very* general direction for the commission for 2022. What should the commission's high-level focus(es) be? Does it make sense to a more formal goal-setting session, or is that unnecessary?

Updating Way Finding Signs

The way finding signs throughout the City have become outdated. Staff is considering replacing them with QR code signs that bring the user/scanner to a digital map on the device used to scan the sign. Is this a concept the commissioners would generally support? The alternative would be to update the way finding signs as the City has traditionally done. This item would be brought back to the commission once specs have been created and quotes have been solicited.

Bleacher and benches at Oak Grove Community Park

The City currently has a surplus of benches due to the hail storm from 2019. Does the commission support the public services crews pouring concrete pads at Oak Grove Community Park and adhering the surplus benches to these poured pads? This is something that could be considered day-to-day maintenance as no large-scale equipment or materials would need to be purchased. However, staff would like the commission's general approval before proceeding with the work previously outlined.

Joint meeting with City Council

The Watertown City Council is interested in holding joint meetings with commissions in the coming months. What timing makes sense for the commission? What topics would the commission like to cover?

Future agenda items

Staff would like to brainstorm agenda items for future meetings. What would the commission like to discuss or address at future meetings?