

Park and Recreation Minutes- Joint Farmington Meeting

August 6th, 2024

Joint Park Tour

Everyone met at Empire City Hall to view Town Hall Park. We discussed the grant requirements that needed to be implemented to receive the DNR grant. We were able to view the native gardens installed as part of the requirements. We also discussed the trail and parking lot improvements made.

Our second stop was the disc golf course. Unfortunately, due to all the rain, the parking lot and trails were flooded. Instead of walking the course, each committee member was given a copy of the course design. There was also a discussion about the process we followed in the designing of the course.

The third stop of the evening was the Schmitz-Maki arena. We were able to see the updates of the drop off lane, building improvements as well as parking lot improvements.

Later in the evening, a stop was made at one of the Rambling River trails. Rain had also flooded much of this area, but we were able to still walk part of the trail and learn about the Rambling River Park Stream Habitat Restoration project. At the Rambling River Park itself, a brand-new playground had been built that is quickly becoming a community favorite.

Farmington offers a “fix-it” option on their city website. This allows people that are utilizing the amenities offered through the city, a quick way to report a problem or concern within the park and trails systems. An example of this would be if a tree had fallen across one of the trails, a picture could be taken of it with location marked. This information would be submitted online and directed to the appropriate person that would be over that area. This is allowing problems to be addressed quickly.

Flagstaff Meadows Park is Farmington’s newest park. This park houses a very nice, shaded structure that can be removed each winter. The cost of this type of structure was approximately \$35,000. In future park developments in Empire, interest in a structure of this type was expressed by our committee members.

The tour concluded back at City Hall.

