

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND
Joint Parks, Recreation, & Natural Resources Commission
Minutes

Thursday, March 14, 2019 - 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL.

Kolk called the regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Committee to order at 7:04 PM in Conference Room A.

Members present: Dan Kolk, Chuck Rolfsmeyer, Rick Ruecking, Jacob Schkirkie, Darrel Waldera, John Feldner, Shaun O'Hearn, Katharine Pease

Members not present: Jacob Tissue

Staff Present: Matt Schuenke, Administrator, Tim Stieve, Town and Country Engineering, Jim Hessling, Director of Public Works

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

a. Discussion and action regarding the minutes of the regular meeting held February 21, 2019.

Motion by Rolfsmeyer, second by O'Hearn, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held February 21, 2019. Motion carries 8 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

4. BUSINESS.

a. Discussion and action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding the acceptance of the Aquatics Feasibility Study.

The action tonight is to accept this report or have actions modified if needed and send on to the Village Board.

Blake Theisen of Ayres, Patrick Eagan of Iconica and Jason Krapfl of Carrico Aquatics gave a presentation on their findings of the aquatic study.

The study looked at various facilities around Madison and Dane County. There is not much for outdoor systems and Monona is closest. Regional area draw potential for McFarland to serve others in this area is very good.

There are two types of water systems for outdoor systems: Circulation water, pool rules govern this, as staff needs to perform daily checks and monitor chemicals. Pass-thru water gets used once and then is sent to either the sanitary or the storm water systems. There is not as much maintenance work with a pass through system.

Plan is narrowed to four sites:

- Community Garden/UCC Church: Civic scale splash pad (small), not a lot of available parking.
- Lewis Park: Splash pad, busy site, potential parking issues.
- Christ the King Church lot: large, open site, perfect for neighborhood size pool/pad.
- Nelson property: (along Siggelkow, next to the substation) large enough for a regional site.

Public comments received (see page 11/61 of the report). Only 1-2 people were against the aquatics.

Following are the various scenarios presented:

1. Build a neighborhood pool on the Nelson site.
2. Build a large regional facility on the Nelson site. It will come with a higher cost and staffing needs.
3. Build a neighborhood pool at the church site. Less costs.
4. Build a splash pad at Lewis Park. No staffing needed.
5. Build a splash pad at Community Gardens site. No staffing needed.
6. McDaniel Park swimming beach. Drawback is the water temperatures, time of year lake water, duck and goose waste issues.

Staffing costs are driven by type of facility and state regulations govern the number of people needed such as lifeguards, etc.

Estimated construction costs were presented to the group for all six scenarios. This information is in the report.

- b. Discussion regarding the Urso/Schuetz Park Master Plan Update accepted in October of 2017.

Schuenke went over the plan. Clearing of area. Wetland delineation has been completed. Update disc golf design. Facility planning is still out a few years. Dog park expansion is possible and can change. This needs more study and planning. Ruecking suggested that the plan omit a section of disc golf to expand the dog park area.

- c. Discussion and action to authorize bidding for the 2019 Disc Golf Course and Grading Project at Orchard Hill Park.

Schuenke and Stieve went over the plans for the Disc Golf. The course designer is not qualified to do the bidding docs. This is where our engineer takes over. The designer's plan and the existing contours were overlaid to see how everything fits and flows.

Motion by Kolk, second by Feldner to authorize Town and Country Engineering to send the 2019 Disc Golf Course Grading portion of the project to bid for Orchard Hill Park. Motion passed 8-0-0.

- d. Discussion and action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding the position description and approval to fill the vacancy for the Parks Superintendent position within the Public Works Department.

Schuenke went over the job description for the Parks Superintendent position within the Public Works Department. This was approved in the 2019 budget and in the recent organizational chart. The committee made a minor change on the education language and added equipment wording.

Motion by Rolfsmeyer, 2nd by O'Hearn to make a recommendation to the Village Board to accept the position description for the Parks Superintendent position and to fill the vacancy within the Public Works Department. 8-0-0

- e. Directors Report

Hessling went over his written report.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

- a. Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Rolfsmeyer, second by O'Hearn, to adjourn at 9:13 pm.

Pursuant to law, written notice of this meeting was given to the public and posted on the public bulletin boards in accordance with Open Meetings Law.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Hessling
Director of Public Works