

Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Committee

Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the McFarland Municipal Center by village trustee and chair Dan Kolk. Roll call: Dan Kolk, Claire Utter, John Feldner, Chuck Rolfsmeyer, Katharine Pease, Darrell Waldera.

Members absent: Jacob Schkirkie, Jacob Tissue.

Staff present: Jim Hessling, Director of Public Works; Tim Stieve, Town & Country Engineering; Phil McDade, public works staff.

Others present: Eric Snyder, commissioner, McFarland Softball Association.

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES. None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

a. **Discussion and action regarding minutes of the meeting held on July 18, 2019.** Feldner motioned, Utter seconded, to approve the minutes. Passed 6-0-0.

4. BUSINESS

a. **Discussion regarding request from the softball association on possible Village financial assistance in the replacement of scoreboards at Brandt Park.** Eric Snyder, commission of the McFarland Softball Association, presented a request to have the village pay for two new scoreboards and related equipment. Current scoreboards are outdated and the control panels used to run them break down. Replacement parts are no longer available. Cost for replacement is approximately \$10,000. Committee members discussed a cost-sharing agreement with the softball association, with the village paying the initial costs with some form of repayment by the association. Kolk motioned, Utter seconded, to recommend to the Village Board funding for replacement of two four-foot-by-six-foot scoreboards with the condition that the village receive potential funding support from the softball association. Kolk said funds would come from the village's 2020 budget allocations. **Motion passed 6-0-0. This agenda item will be brought back to the committee at its September meeting as no action was authorized under the meeting agenda. This was a discussion item only and should have not been voted on (Jim Hessling).**

b. **Discussion and action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding the award of contract for the Orchard Hill Frisbee Golf Course project.** The committee reviewed project costs, with discussion on excavation, erosion control, and retaining wall work being done by the low bidder. The remaining costs of the project – including concrete teeing grounds, basket purchases and installation, and pathways between holes – will be done by village public works staff. Kolk motioned, Feldner seconded, to recommend awarding the contract to the low bidder as outlined in the meeting packet. Motion passed 4-2-0 with Utter and Rolfsmeyer voting no.

c. **Discussion regarding planning for the development of pickle ball courts.** The committee reviewed initial plans for the cost and location of a pickle ball court, with Siggelkow Road Park as one potential

location. Initial cost estimates for one court including a parking lot and driveway at Siggelkow Road Park were approximately \$75,000. The committee also discussed other potential sites for a court, and building more than one court. The committee agreed to have further discussions on the possible development of the courts.

d. Discussion and action regarding conducting water sampling for the beach area at McDaniel Park beginning in 2020. The committee discussed having Public Health Madison and Dane County conduct water sampling at McDaniel Park Beach, at a cost of approximately \$700 a year. Kolk motioned, Waldera seconded, to request the Village Board initiate a beach monitoring program for McDaniel Park starting in 2020.

e. Presentation of the Public Works Monthly Report. Hessling provided an update on public works activities in the village for the month of July 2019.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE

a. Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT. Motion by Kolk, second by Utter, to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved 6-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.