

Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Committee Meeting Minutes January 28, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom by Village Trustee and Chair Carolyn Clow. Roll call: Clow, John Feldner, Sarah Kuba, David Wilson, Darrell Waldera, Katharine Pease, Dan Kolk, Andy Jakubowski. Absent: Clair Utter, Chuck Rolfsmeyer.

Staff present: Matt Schuenke, village administrator; Sayer Larson, Parks Superintendent; Jim Hessling, Public Works Director; and Phil McDade, public works staff. Also, Blake Theisen of Parkitecture + Planning consultants.

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES. None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

a. Discussion and action regarding the minutes from the Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources meeting held on November 19, 2020. Clow motioned, Feldner seconded, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 19, 2020. Motion approved 8-0-0.

4. BUSINESS.

a. Discussion and action to make recommendations to the Village Board to accept the Inclusive Playground Master Plan. The committee discussed plans for the playground, which has a preferred site of Cedar Ridge Park. Clow motioned, Kolk seconded, to recommend to the Village Board acceptance of the Inclusive Playground Master Plan

b. Discussion regarding master planning projects at the Community Park and McFarland Park. Theisen led a discussion with the committee on recent conversations he's had with user groups of various McFarland parks. He said both the McFarland Hockey Club and the Madison Curling Club want to expand their ice rink facilities located in William McFarland Park. The McFarland Soccer Club has also indicated a desire for more playing space, and a willingness to consider the Community Park for expanded fields. Youth baseball organizers would prefer one site for baseball fields in the community. The Community Park would need development of parking if recreational fields were located there, according to Theisen. The committee took no action on the agenda item.

c. Discussion regarding small project planning within the park system. Committee members identified several small projects of interest: improved and more visible park signage; a lake pier with benches; a walking path with mulch through the wooded area of Siggelkow Road Park; tree plantings; and updating the master plan at Lewis Park. The committee took no action on the agenda item.

d. Discussion regarding the development of future volunteer opportunities within the park system. Larson discussed volunteer opportunities and practices in the village park system. Activities have included woodland restoration, playground cleanup, and outdoor hockey rink maintenance.

e. Presentation of the Parks Superintendent's monthly report. Larson provided an update on park activities, including forestry work throughout the village, outdoor ice rink maintenance and board installation, and McDaniel Park and dog park shelter work. The dog park shelter should be completed in late spring or early summer.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

a. Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT. Feldner motioned, Jakubowski seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Approved by unanimous consent. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.