

Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Committee

Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL. Meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. via Zoom by Village Trustee and Chair Carrie Nelson. Roll call: Nelson, trustee Justin Rupert, Dan Kolk, Katharine Pease, Darrell Waldera. Members absent: John Feldner, Sarah Kuba, David Wilson.

Staff present: Sayer Larson, Parks Superintendent, 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 Committee meeting held on May 27, 2021. Nelson motioned, Kolk seconded, to approve the minutes of the Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Committee meeting held on April 22, 2021. Motion approved 5-0-0.

4. BUSINESS.

a. Discussion regarding master plan development at Community Park. Theisen of Parkitecture + Planning consultants discussed updated planning for the development of Community Park, a 26-acre parcel adjacent to County Highway AB, south of Siggelkow Road. After consultation with the McFarland Soccer Club, Theisen said the park includes 13 distinct soccer fields for use by players ages 8 and under through ages 13/14. Other features of the park include: an indoor recreation building; hiking paths through woods on the property; a small dirt bike course; a sledding hill; a walking trail around the perimeter of the park; a playground; a small storage shelter for soccer equipment; two stormwater retention ponds; and two parking lots with approximately 300 spaces. Committee members discussed road access in and out of the park; watering of soccer fields and availability of water for recreational participants; and impact of the park activities on neighboring homes and a potential elementary school on land north of the park site. Thiessen said his next step would be to put together cost estimates for the park development and gather additional comments on it through a public meeting. The committee took no action on the agenda item.

b. Discussion regarding park sponsorships. Larson discussed the potential of sponsorships and advertising in village parks, including named features of park amenities like benches, and advertising at softball and baseball fields. The committee took no action on the agenda item.

c. Presentation of the Parks Superintendent's monthly report. Larson provided information on: the completion of the Ridgeview Tot Lot playground equipment installation; park construction projects; and on-going maintenance operations.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

a. Thursday, July 22, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT. Rupert motioned, Waldera seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:02 p.m.