

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND

Parks, Recreation, & Natural Resources Commission Minutes

Thursday, July 22, 2021 - 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL.

Carrie Nelson called the regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Committee to order at 6:30 PM in Community Room.

Members present: John Feldner, Dan Kolk (7 p.m.), Sarah Kuba, David Wilson, Justin Rupert, Carrie Nelson

Members not present: Darrel Waldera, Katharine Pease

Staff Present: Village Administrator Matt Schuenke; Parks Superintendent Sayer Larson, clerk Phil McDade. Also, Blake Theisen of Parkitecture + Planning Consultants.

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

a. This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Village Board. Please remember this is a virtual meeting conducted through the Zoom online meeting platform. Zoom meeting attendees wishing to address the board may do so using the Question and Answer feature within the Zoom online meeting platform. You may state your name, address, and provide your comments to the board for their consideration. Members of the public who are present in person and wish to address the board should fill out a public comment form and turn into the meeting chairperson. Members of the public may speak during public appearances or during their selected agenda item as they designate on the public comment form. Please adhere to the 3-minute time limit. Additionally, you may send your public comments to aimee.irwin@mcfarland.wi.us to be included as part of the meeting.

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

a. Discussion and action regarding the minutes from the Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources Committee meeting held on June 24, 2021.

Motion by Rupert, second by Nelson, to APPROVE OF MINUTES from the Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources Committee meeting held on June 24, 2021. Motion carries 4-0-1 (Kuba abstaining).

4. BUSINESS.

a. Discussion regarding master plan development at Community Park and William McFarland Park

Schuenke and Theisen reviewed for the committee the master plan developments for both William McFarland Park and Community Park. Some planned improvements at the two parks can begin earlier than others, while other improvements need to be phased in and integrated with each other, Theisen said, as parts of the features of William McFarland Park (primarily soccer fields) are planned to be moved to Community Park. Among the first improvements that can be made at William McFarland Park is construction of an eight-court pickleball complex, as well as renovating the existing

skateboard park. Dirt moving and field leveling could take place first at Community Park, along with initial seeding of roughly half the soccer fields. In addition, initial work on one of the park's parking lots could begin, Theisen said. Committee members discussed plans for a proposed outdoor ice rink at William McFarland Park, seeding timelines for the soccer fields at Community Park, and gathering public opinion on the park plans. Schuenke suggested the committee host a public information session in August to gather opinions on the park plans. The committee took no action on the agenda item.

b. Presentation of the Parks Superintendent's monthly report

Larson discussed goose abatement efforts at McDaniel Park, plans to install new mulch surfacing at the Cedar Ridge Park playground, and disc golf course development at Urso-Schuetz Park.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

a. Discussion of Hybrid Meetings 2.0.

Committee members reviewed the village's Hybrid Meetings 2.0 plan, which will involve the majority of village government committee meetings returning to an in-person format, with options for virtual participation by the public if so desired. The plan, approved by the village board, would start August 2. The committee did not take action on this agenda item.

b. Thursday, August 26, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

The committee set its next meeting to be held Thursday, Aug. 26, 2021 and to begin at 5:30 p.m. with a public information meeting on the William McFarland Park and Community Park master plans, to be held at the William McFarland Park shelter, 4820 Marsh Road. The regular meeting of the committee would follow at 6:30 p.m. or at the conclusion of the information meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Rupert motioned, Feldner seconded, to adjourn the meet. Motion approved 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.