

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND

**Parks, Recreation, & Natural Resources Committee Minutes**

*Thursday, September 23, 2021 - 6:30 PM*

**1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL.**

Trustee Carrie Nelson called the regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Committee to order at 6:30 PM in the Community Room. This meeting was held via Zoom webinar.

Members present: John Feldner, Darrel Waldera, Dan Kolk, Katherine Pease, Sarah Kuba, Carrie Nelson, TJ Jerke, Tanya Lancaster

Members not present: David Wilson, Justin Rupert

Staff Present: Village Administrator Matt Schuenke, Parks Superintendent Sayer Larson, Utility Clerk Phil McDade, Blake Theisen of Parkitecture + 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](mailto:aimee.irwin@mcfarland.wi.us) to be included as part of the meeting.*

Sofia Hamner, 5305 Wild Cherry Lane, spoke to object to the location of a proposed tree planting on the terrace of her residence.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

- a. *Discussion and action regarding the minutes from the Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources Committee meeting held on August 26, 2021.*

Motion by Village Trustee Carrie Nelson, second by Member Darrel Waldera, to approve the minutes from August 26, 2021. Motion carries 8 - 0 - 0.

**4. BUSINESS.**

- a. *Discussion and action on allowing amplified sound in accordance with Village Ordinance 44-20 of the Village Code of Ordinances for the following events:*

- 1) Discovery Garden--McFarland Library--October 1, 2021 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
Motion by Sarah Kuba, seconded by Village Trustee Carrie Nelson, to recommend approval for amplified sound at Discovery Garden--McFarland Library--October 1, 2021 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Motion carries 8 - 0 - 0.
- 2) Brandt Park--Erik Greenfield--October 2, 2021 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
Motion by Nelson, second by Feldner, to approve with condition that sound be deflected away from nearby apartment buildings Brandt Park--Erik Greenfield--October 2, 2021 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Motion carries 8 - 0 - 0.
- 3) Arnold Larson Park--Joe Shorette--October 3, 2021 between 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.  
Motion by village trustee Nelson, second by Dan Kolk, to approve Arnold Larson Park--Joe Shorette--October 3, 2021 between 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Motion carries 8 - 0 - 0.
- b. Discussion regarding draft master plans for William McFarland Park and Community Park.  
The committee reviewed with Village Administrator Matt Schuelke and parks consultant Blake Theisen of Parkitecture + Planning the details of draft master plans for William McFarland Park and Community Park. The proposed expansion of the ice arena at William McFarland Park is larger than originally proposed, forcing a realignment of the proposed baseball field west of the ice arena. The proposed parking lot in the northern half of the park has also been moved to sitting in between a proposed pool and proposed pickleball courts. At the Community Park, a proposed parking lot has been moved to the south-central portion of the 23-acre park to align with a proposed driveway in and out of the park. The committee took no action on the agenda item.
- c. Discussion regarding the development of a Park System Capital Improvement Plan.  
Schuenke discussed with the committee the Park System Capital Improvement Plan, and timelines for completion of projects. Four items in the plan should be completed in 2021: a disc golf course in Urso-Schuetz Park, master plans for both William McFarland and Community Parks, and an Aquatic Facility master plan. In 2022, Schuenke said mass grading of Community Park for preparation of soccer fields, and construction of pickleball courts in William McFarland Park, could be undertaken. Committee members and Schuenke also discussed planned improvements for the skateboard park, revamping Cedar Ridge Park into an inclusive park, and providing restrooms at Egner Park as part of existing village buildings there.
- d. Discussion and recommendation to the Village Board regarding street tree planting proposals for 2021.  
Motion by Village Trustee Carrie Nelson, seconded by Dan Kolk, to recommend approval to the Village Board regarding street tree planting proposals for 2021. Motion carries 8 - 0 - 0.
- e. Discussion and action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding a grant application with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for an urban forestry grant.  
Motion by Village Trustee Carrie Nelson, second by Dan Kolk, to recommend approval to the Village Board regarding a grant application with the Wisconsin Department of

Natural Resources for an urban forestry grant. Motion carries 8 - 0 - 0.

*f. Discussion and recommendation regarding a plan for goose abatement.*

The discussion on this agenda item was delayed until a further meeting.

*g. Presentation of the Parks Superintendent's monthly report*

Larson discussed his superintendent's report, with discussion on oak tree removal in Urso-Schuetz park as part of the disc golf course development.

**5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.**

*a. Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.*

**6. ADJOURNMENT.**

Motion by Village Trustee Carrie Nelson, seconded by TJ Jerke, to adjourn. Motion carries 8 - 0 - 0. Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.