

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND

Parks, Recreation, & Natural Resources Committee Minutes

Thursday, December 16, 2021 - 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL.

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

Members present: John Feldner, Dan Kolk, Katherine Pease, Sarah Kuba, David Wilson, Carrie Nelson, Kitty Brussock (arrived at 6:37 pm-agenda item 4a), Darrel Waldera (arrived at 6:56 pm-agenda item 4b)

Members not present: Justin Rupert, TJ Jerke, Tanya Lancaster

Staff Present: Village Administrator Matt Schuenke, Parks Superintendent Sayer Larson, Public Works Director Jim Hessling, Assistant to the Public Works Director Aimee Irwin, Blake Theisen with 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 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 held on November, 18, 2021.*

Motion by Village Trustee Carrie Nelson, seconded by John Feldner, to approve the minutes from the Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources Committee held on November, 18, 2021. Motion carries 6 - 0 - 0.

4. BUSINESS.

- a. *Discussion and action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding Pickleball Design at William McFarland Park and authorize project for bid.*
Matt Schuenke provided an introduction regarding pickleball design at William McFarland Park. Schuenke stated that the 2022 budget includes funds to construct

pickleball courts. The next steps in the process include approval to the Village Board by the Committee for the draft plans and authorizing the project for bid. Blake Theisen presented the draft plans to the committee. Theisen asked committee members for feedback regarding color choices for the perimeter, the court and the "kitchen".

- Kitty Brussock recommended that the perimeter be a color that contrasts with ball color.
- Dan Kolk asked if the blue color would reflect more heat than the green color. Theisen responded that he did not believe so.
- Carrie Nelson, on behalf of TJ Jerke, asked if the pickleball club or group had been consulted. Theisen stated that the association has been in contact with staff including Parkitecture and provided comments; however, they have not reviewed the plans provided.
- Sarah Kuba recommended going with the higher contrast colors.
- Committee members discussed using colors similar to village branding colors, such as blue and green or the current village colors. Theisen stated he would investigate the use of using actual village colors.

Theisen continued his review of the plans, including the lighting plan and entrance and exit points.

- Dan Kolk asked if the four lights identified would be sufficient. Theisen responded that, based on the illumination study completed, the four lights would be sufficient. Kolk also asked what would be disturbed within the demolition area. Theisen stated that two U8 soccer fields will be displaced by the courts and conversations have occurred with appropriate parties regarding this displacement.

Theisen stated that stormwater plans will need to be developed as the impervious surface area will be more than 20,000 square feet.

Motion by Village Trustee Carrie Nelson, seconded by Katherine Pease, to recommend approval to the Village Board regarding Pickleball Design at William McFarland Park draft plans and authorize the project for bid subject to final design review by the Village Board. Motion carries 7 - 0 - 0.

b. Discussion and recommendation regarding a plan for goose abatement.

Sayer Larson provided background related to possible plans for goose abatement. Larson stated that during the last discussion of this topic, committee members reviewed options including grape seed application, oiling of eggs and other mechanical devices. The expense for the grape seed application would be \$6,500.00

- David Wilson asked for clarification on the grape seed application. Larson stated that the application isn't a repellent, but when the geese consume the product it aggravates the animal's system but does not cause them to regurgitate. Wilson asked where the application would occur. Larson responded that the application

would be placed on the turf.

- John Feldner asked where the geese would go if not at McDaniel Park. Larson stated he was unsure but likely another area park.
- Dan Kolk asked if these geese would lay eggs within McDaniel Park. Larson responded that there is nesting that occurs near the area but located on county property.
- Kitty Brussock asked if we were aware of the process that the County had taken at Babcock Park. Larson stated he was not aware of any actions or plans completed by the county.
- Carrie Nelson asked if it would be appropriate to alert the county of our plans. Larson responded that he could send a letter to the county to alert them.
- Kitty Brussock asked if the application would impact the water. Larson stated the application could go into the water but he has not found comments that would negatively affect the water.

Motion by Village Trustee Carrie Nelson, seconded by Dan Kolk, to recommend the approach as presented by Sayer Larson including the grape seed application and mechanical devices. Motion carries 8 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

c. Discussion regarding notification from the Wisconsin Historical Society of protective burial mound areas at Siggelkow Road Park.

Sayer Larson sought feedback from committee members regarding the letter received from the Wisconsin Historical Society. Committee members discussed the letter and provided additional feedback for response to the Historical Society.

- Dan Kolk asked if the entire area would be removed or would the area be slimmed down. Larson responded that the protective area would be slimmed down.
- Carrie Nelson asked if the Historical Society is attempting to correct the identified area. Larson stated he had not seen the catalog that was referenced within the letter.
- Dan Kolk asked what the impact would be for the Historical Society of removing the area. Larson responded that he is unsure of the exact impact but imagines the village would have more fluidity with any action taken in the area.

Committee members reviewed documents and provided feedback for inclusion in a response letter to the Wisconsin Historical Society. Sayer Larson will send a follow-up letter based on committee comments.

d. Discussion and action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding an amendment to Village Ordinance 44-20 sound devices.

Aimee Irwin provided a brief summary of the proposed amendment to Village Ordinance 44-20 for sound devices.

- Carrie Nelson asked if the amendment would not require approval. Irwin responded that the use of amplified sound would follow Chapter 20 and therefore, as long as the park users adhere to the ordinance, they would not

require additional approval.

- Dan Kolk asked who would enforce Chapter 20. Irwin stated that police would enforce the ordinance and the department does have tools to measure sound levels. Kolk also asked if the police were okay with the proposed amendment. Schuenke responded that the police already enforce Chapter 20 and would do so for park users as well.
- Darrel Waldera asked if the denied park reservation requesters were denied because they did not want to follow the process within the ordinance. Irwin responded that the requestors were denied the use of amplified sound at their event due to the timing for approval of the committee, so they chose not to make a reservation.
- Carrie Nelson asked if it would be cumbersome to have staff review requests. Irwin stated that this was discussed with staff prior and would result in guidance needing to be developed for the approver but it would be possible for staff review.
- Dan Kolk recommended that staff review continue for the use of amplified sound.

Committee members discussed optional changes, developing guidance for an approver and recommended continued discussion.

No action was taken on this item. The topic will be brought back to committee for further review and discussion.

e. Presentation of the Parks Superintendent's monthly report.

Larson presented the Parks Superintendent's report for the month. Committee members had no questions regarding the presented report.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

a. Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Dan Kolk, seconded by John Feldner, to adjourn at 8:03 p.m.

Pursuant to law, written notice of this meeting was given to the public and posted on the public bulletin boards in accordance with Open Meetings Law.

Respectfully submitted,
Aimee Irwin
Assistant to the Public Works Director