

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND

Parks, Recreation, & Natural Resources Committee Minutes

Thursday, February 24, 2022 - 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 Community Room of the Municipal Center. This meeting was held via Zoom webinar.

Members present: Village President Carolyn Clow, Darrel Waldera, Sarah Kuba, Justin Rupert, Carrie Nelson, TJ Jerke, Tanya Lancaster, Kitty Brussock (arrived at 6:32 pm), Dan Kolk (arrived at 6:37 pm).

Members not present: John Feldner, Katherine Pease, David Wilson

Staff Present: Village Administrator Matt Schuenke, Public Works Director Jim Hessling, Parks Superintendent Sayer Larson, Assistant to the Public Works Director Aimee Irwin, Blake Theisen with Parkitecture and Tim Stieve with Town and Country Engineering.

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.*

David Silverberg, 5810 Lake Edge Rd, expressed his support to the Committee regarding the McDaniel Park Beach Improvement project as a member of the Lake Waubesa Conservation Association.

Jeff Moore, 5014 Card Ave, expressed his support to the Committee regarding the McDaniel Park Beach Improvement project as a member of the Lake Waubesa Conservation Association.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

- a. *Discussion and action regarding the minutes from the Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources Committee meeting held on January 27, 2022.*

Motion by Village Trustee Carrie Nelson, seconded by Village Trustee Justin Rupert, to approve the minutes from the Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources Committee meeting held on January 27, 2022. Motion carries 7 - 0 - 0.

4. BUSINESS.

a. Discussion regarding McDaniel Park Beach Improvement Project with Dane County.

Matt Schuenke provided background related to possible improvements to the McDaniel Park beach area in partnership with Dane County. Patrick Miles, Dane County Board Supervisor for District 34, provided an introduction to the project and previous efforts at the identified area. John Reimer, Dane County Land & Water Resources Department Assistant Director, provided a presentation regarding the installation of a barrier system within the water to keep debris and bacteria out of the swimming area at McDaniel Park beach.

- TJ Jerke asked if the pump house estimate is accurate for a pre-fab unit. Stieve responded that the pump house within the estimate would be a building that would be constructed, not a pre-fab unit. Stieve stated a pre-fab unit is estimated at \$45,000. Jerke asked how far the boom would go out into the water. Reimer stated the boom would be about 100 feet into the water. Jerke asked about the durability and longevity of the curtain within the water. Reimer responded that a curtain typically lasts five to ten years. Jerke asked if swimmers could continue to swim within the defined area if the algae bloom surrounds the outside of the curtain. Reimer stated that generally it is safe for swimmers, but there is some concern about the algae that is in the air.
- Dan Kolk asked if the water levels were a concern. Reimer responded that the curtain adjusts based on water levels and does not pose a concern at this time. Kolk asked if geese are deterred by the cleaner water. Reimer stated geese are not driven away by clean or dirtier water; however, the possible increased people traffic in the area would deter the geese.
- Tanya Lancaster asked about maintenance costs and how these are divided up between the Village and County. Reimer explained that the original capital costs are split between the Village and County. Ongoing maintenance costs would be expensed by the Village.
- Kitty Brussock asked who would remove the curtain and store the curtain. Reimer stated that the county would contract with the Village for removal and storage.
- Darrel Waldera asked what maintenance is required once installed. Reimer responded that issues could come up and it would require ongoing maintenance by the Village. Waldera asked who would construct the barrier system. Reimer stated that the design would go out for bid and be built by a contractor.
- Tanya Lancaster asked if the parts utilized in the system are common parts. Reimer stated that the parts would be able to be replaced with little effort depending on supply availability.
- Carrie Nelson asked if this system would reduce beach closures. Reimer explained that other beaches with a similar system saw decreases in closures.
- Carolyn Clow asked if there are additional ways that funding could be utilized than the presented approach. Reimer explained that there are a variety of opportunities for utilizing the funding, but this approach would have a more immediate impact. Clow asked about ongoing yearly popularity trends. Reimer stated that in his experience, beaches with this approach have ongoing popularity

and increased usage. Clow asked if beach testing would occur inside and outside the curtain area. Reimer stated testing would only occur within the curtain area.

- Kitty Brussock asked if boat traffic would cause algae to enter the swim area. Reimer explained that the boom is constructed to flow with the waves and while some water may splash in, this usually isn't caused by boat traffic.

b. Discussion and action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding the award of contract to construct Pickleball Courts at William McFarland Park.

Blake Theisen of Parkitecture provided an overview of the bid results. Differences between the estimate and bids received were related to restoration, lighting and stormwater management.

- Carrie Nelson asked if any amenities could be adjusted to bring the project more in line with the cost estimate. Theisen explained that the bid was not sent with any supplemental bid items but it would be possible to install the shades at a later date or assist in running the conduit for the lighting or delay the lighting.
- Schuenke provided a review of the financial summary for this project. This project has funds from 2021 borrowing in the amount of \$325,000, 2022 borrowing of \$75,000 and the Parks Fund could allocate \$50,000 to the project.
- Theisen explained that the Plan Commission approved the site/design review with a few modifications on February 21st.
- TJ Jerke asked if any communication or recommendations were provided from the Capital Area Pickleball Association. Schuenke stated that the association was in contact with Theisen and made some adjustments, but overall the association provided their overall support.
- Carrie Nelson asked if the use of the funds for this project would have any impact on the Skate Park plans. Schuenke explained that there would be no impact on the design and planning services for the Skate Park and future project costs will be included in future budgeting.

Motion by Village Trustee Carrie Nelson, seconded by Dan Kolk, to award contract to Parisi Construction of Madison for an amount of \$396,068 including the base bid for the project, contingency and approving the total project costs for the project to an amount of \$450,000. Motion carries 8 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

c. Discussion and action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding Community Park Phase 1 design and authorize the project for bid.

Blake Theisen of Parkitecture reviewed the recent changes to the Community Park plan in relation to the Phase 1 design, including adjustments to the sledding hill, indoor area and connected parking lot. Jim Hessling provided an update that the asbestos at the Community Park site has been removed by a contractor and the tenant has removed the majority of his items. Theisen explained that the buildings and miscellaneous item removal is included within the bid package. Theisen stated that Phase 1 is comprised of mass grading efforts.

- Dan Kolk asked what the proposed completion date is for Phase 1. Theisen stated that the completion goal is this fall.

- Carrie Nelson asked if any substantial changes occurred in terms of size for any of the adjustments presented. Theisen explained that the footprints did not change but minor adjustments occurred to the stormwater management areas. Nelson asked if the connection road at the southern end of the parcel had been removed with recent adjustments. Theisen explained that, due to grading, the connection road was removed at this time.
- Kitty Brussock asked if the current access road could be kept. Theisen stated the current access road would remain.

Motion by Village Trustee Carrie Nelson, seconded by Village Trustee Justin Rupert, to recommend approval to the Village Board regarding Community Park Phase 1 design and authorize the project for bid. Motion carries 8 - 0 - 0.

d. Discussion and action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding an update to the Master Plan for the new Community Park.

Blake Theisen of Parkitecture explained that some shuffling of the pieces of the plan occurred but no foot print changes occurred. These adjustments were presented with the previous business item.

Motion by Village Trustee Carrie Nelson, seconded by Village Trustee Justin Rupert, to recommend approval to the Village Board regarding an update to the Master Plan for the new Community Park. Motion carries 8 - 0 - 0.

e. Presentation of the Parks Superintendent's monthly report

Larson presented the Parks Superintendent's report for the month

- TJ Jerke asked if there was an update to the timeline for the Boy Scout project at McDaniel Park. Larson responded that the Boy Scout is currently continuing his fundraising efforts at this time and no further update has occurred related to when work will commence.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

a. Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Village Trustee Justin Rupert, seconded by TJ Jerke, to adjourn at 8:18 pm.

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