

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND
Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes

Tuesday, August 2, 2022 - 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL.

Trustee TJ Jerke called the regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee to order at 6:30 PM in the Community Room of the Municipal Center. This meeting was also held via Zoom webinar.

Members present: TJ Jerke, Sarah Kuba, Tanya Lancaster, Justin Rupert, Jim Lacy, Luke Fessler

Members not present: Carrie Nelson

Staff Present: Village Administrator Matt Schuenke, Public Works Director Jim Hessling, Parks Superintendent Sayer Larson and Assistant to the Public Works Director Aimee Irwin.

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

- a. *This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Parks and Recreation Committee. Please remember this is a virtual meeting conducted through the Zoom online meeting platform. Zoom meeting attendees wishing to address the Committee 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 Committee for their consideration. Members of the public who are present in person and wish to address the Committee 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 public.works@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 meeting held on July 5, 2022.*
Motion by Village Trustee TJ Jerke, seconded by Sarah Kuba, to approve the minutes from the Parks & Recreation meeting held on July 5, 2022. Motion carries 5 - 0 1, with Tanya Lancaster abstaining.

4. BUSINESS.

- a. *Discussion and action on a request from Jose Orzuna to have amplified sound at Lewis Park on August 14, 2022 pursuant to Chapter 44-20 of the Village Code of Ordinance.*
Sayer Larson and Village Trustee Jerke provided an overview of a request for amplified sound at Lewis Park on August 14, 2022.

- Luke Fessler asked if it would have an impact if the garage doors were open or

closed. Larson responded that the doors would probably be open for the event.

Motion by Village Trustee TJ Jerke, seconded by Justin Rupert, to approve a request from Jose Orzuna to have amplified sound at Lewis Park on August 14, 2022 pursuant to Chapter 44-20 of the Village Code of Ordinance. Motion carries 6 - 0 - 0.

b. Discussion and action on a request from the McFarland Library to have amplified sound at two additional events in 2022 pursuant to Chapter 44-20 of the Village Code of Ordinance.

Sayer Larson provided an overview of the McFarland Library's request for two dates utilizing amplified sound. Larson updated the committee that the August 16th Movie Night was changed to August 10th due to equipment rental needs.

Motion by Village Trustee TJ Jerke, seconded by Justin Rupert, to approve the requests from the McFarland Library to have amplified sound at two additional events in 2022 with one event being on August 10, 2022. Motion carries 6 - 0 - 0.

c. Discussion and action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding amendments to the amplified sound ordinance.

Matt Schuenke provided an overview regarding the background related to noise and revisions to the noise ordinances within the code. Schuenke reviewed the noise ordinance amendments that would be applicable to parks and specifically Section 44-20.

- Sarah Kuba asked if the listed parks or conservancy areas are listed in an additional section of the code. Schuenke stated that the attorney recommended listing out the areas within this section but this can be reviewed.
- Luke Fessler asked for clarification on section 44-20 in which the conservancy areas are identified. Schuenke responded that if someone wanted to utilize amplified sound within a conservancy area, they would require prior approval.
- Justin Rupert asked if the decibel levels within the parks would be from 150 feet. Schuenke stated, yes, that is correct.
- Trustee Jerke asked for clarification regarding the times listed. Schuenke responded that he would evaluate this as this evening was intended to focus on parks. Schuenke explained that the Public Safety Committee and Village Board will need to review all the changes and approve.
- Trustee Jerke asked if there is a process for the exceptions as noted on page 4 of 5 within the document. Schuenke explained that there is a process for a block party or special event that would be required in order to grant the exception. Jerke asked if it would be beneficial to include a link to the exception process within the code. Schuenke stated that staff typically follow up with the process in order to grant exceptions.
- Luke Fessler asked about recent noise complaints in parks. Sayer Larson stated he is not aware of any concerns. Schuenke responded that he was not aware of any situation that materialized.
- Tanya Lancaster asked if there was still an exception process for special events. Schuenke stated, yes, there is still an exception process such as for a special

event permit.

Motion by Village Trustee TJ Jerke, seconded by Tanya Lancaster, to recommend approval to the Village Board regarding changes to Chapter 20 and 44 regarding amendments to the Village Code ordinance on the use of amplified sound within parks. Motion carries 6 - 0 - 0.

d. Discussion and action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding the Park System Capital Improvement Plan.

Schuenke reviewed the addition to the Park System Capital Improvement Plan since the July meeting related to dog park path improvements. Schuenke finished reviewing the plan, which included lake access at Lewis Park, Inclusive Park, improvements to Brandt Park, McDaniel Park, Arnold Larson Park, Egner Park and Urso/Schuetz Park.

- Tanya Lancaster asked how the Parks & Recreation Committee would be included within the process for the Inclusive Park in connection to the school district. Schuenke stated the concept had been presented to the joint Village and School Committee and they are in support of further discussion and development of the concept. The funding for the concept has yet to be studied. Schuenke added that as the plan is further developed, the plan would be presented to the Parks & Recreation Committee for their review.
- Sarah Kuba asked if the funds allocated to the Inclusive Park could be reallocated for improvements at Cedar Ridge Park. Schuenke responded yes, we would revisit the plan and funds available for possible improvements to Cedar Ridge Park.
- Tanya Lancaster asked for clarification regarding the funds for the Water Quality Boom System. Schuenke responded that the funds are based on the engineer's estimate and the village's cost for the project.
- Trustee Jerke asked if the funds for the boom system could be reviewed. Schuenke stated these funds would be reviewed.
- Luke Fessler asked if the improvements to the McDaniel beach area would only involve the current beach area. Schuenke stated that only the existing area would be included within the project.
- Tanya Lancaster asked about adding a drinking fountain near the bike path that runs near Egner Park. Schuenke responded that this could be possible.
- Sarah Kuba asked what the \$100,000 included for fundraising in 2023 is related to. Schuenke stated the fundraising is for a group hoping to provide funds for the Skate Park.

Motion by Village Trustee TJ Jerke, seconded by Sarah Kuba, to recommend approval to the Village Board regarding the Park System Capital Improvement Plan. Motion carries 6 - 0 - 0.

e. Discussion regarding scheduling a committee park tour.

Village Trustee TJ Jerke provided an overview of scheduling a committee park tour. Committee members discussed the feasibility of scheduling a tour along with where the focus area would be. Schuenke explained that there would be the possibility of

transportation being provided. Luke Fessler asked if the tour would need to be posted due to quorum. Aimee Irwin responded that the tour would need to be posted but stated that no action will be taken during the tour. A tour date and plan will be presented to the Committee at their September 6 meeting for review.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

a. Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Village Trustee TJ Jerke, seconded by Luke Fessler, to adjourn at 7:54 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