

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND

Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes

Tuesday, September 6, 2022 - 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL.

Trustee T.J. Jerke called the regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Municipal Center. The meeting was also held via Zoom webinar.

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

Members not present: Carrie Nelson, Justin Rupert

Staff Present: Village Administrator Matt Schuenke, Parks Superintendent Sayer Larson.

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 August 2, 2022.*

Motion by Village Trustee TJ Jerke, second by Luke Fessler, to approve the minutes from the Parks & Recreation meeting held on August 2, 2022. Motion carries 5 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

4. BUSINESS.

- a. Update and discussion regarding the Skate park plan*

Consultant Blake Theisen provided information on the proposed Skate park plan. Several village residents made appearances at the meeting to voice support for the project, including Paul Otteson, 5202 Timber Lane; Fred Bartman, 5116 N. Autumn Lane; Teagan Bartman, 5116 N. Autumn Lane; and Don Peterson, 6710 Sleepy Hollow Road. Committee members discussed lighting of the skate park, drainage, and parking.

- b. Update and discussion regarding Lewis Park Lake Access plan*

Theisen discussed with the committee two options for lake access for small watercraft in Lewis Park. One option would utilize existing pathways and construction of a boardwalk to access Upper Mud Lake near the current Lewis Park shelter, while a second option would include a parking lot, paved path and boardwalk access to Upper Mud Lake from the southeastern corner of Lewis Park near Marsh Woods Road. No cost estimates were provided, although Theisen said the second option would be more expensive than the first one closer to the shelter. Committee members discussed bathroom access, distances to carry canoes and kayaks, and parking for each option. Don Peterson, 6710 Sleepy Hollow Road, appeared before the committee and said he favored the second option.

c. Update regarding the Pickleball project.

Theisen provided an update on construction of the village pickleball courts in William McFarland Park. Pavement has been poured and fencing will be built shortly, with final construction of pathways and netting possible by the end of September. Committee members discussed signage and access to the courts from parking lots and the nearby park shelter. Don Peterson, 6710 Sleepy Hollow Rd., provided public comments on the court's shade structures, fencing and entrance walkways,

d. Discussion and action on a request from McFarland Senior Outreach to have amplified sound at William McFarland Park on September 9, 2022 pursuant to Chapter 44-20 of the Village Code of Ordinance.

Motion by Jerke, second by Lacy, to approve a request from McFarland Senior Outreach to have amplified sound at William McFarland Park on September 9, 2022 pursuant to Chapter 44-20 of the Village Code of Ordinance. Motion carries 5 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

e. Discussion regarding McDaniel Park beach improvements and goose abatement methods.

Administrator Matt Schuenke discussed with the committee a potential beach improvement project at McDaniel Park that would be jointly funded with Dane County. The project would create a sand beach at McDaniel Park, instead of the current pebble beach, and set aside a small swimming area near the beach. The project would require daily maintenance by village staff, according to Schuenke, and is part of an effort by Dane County to make lakes and waterways in the county more accessible.

Parks Superintendent Sayer Larson discussed with the committee efforts to manage and lower the goose population at McDaniel Park. While the goose population at the park declined by 2021, efforts by village parks staff to significantly reduce the goose population with a repellent applied to areas in the park where geese congregate was largely ineffective, he said. The village will consider other measures in 2023, include noise abatement efforts.

f. Discussion to schedule a park tour

The committee discussed holding a parks tour for committee members on the evening of September 21, 2022.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

a. Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Village Trustee TJ Jerke, second by Fessler, to adjourn at 8:34 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,
Phil McDade
Utility Clerk