

Members Present: TJ Jerke, Luke Fessler, Sarah Kuba, Tanya Lancaster, Justin Rupert, Jessica Tokar, Lori Wisnicky

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sayer Larson, Parks Superintendent; Lee Igl, Director of Public Works; Phil McDade, utility clerk.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Jerke called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

No public appearances.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

- a. Jerke motioned to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2023, Parks and Recreation Committee meeting. Seconded by Lancaster. Motion carried 6-0-1 (Fessler abstained).

4. BUSINESS.

- a. **Update regarding ongoing park projects.** Blake Theisen of Parkitecture reviewed progress on the village's new skateboard park, at William McFarland Park. Tentative plans called for the park to be open to users in mid-October 2023.
- b. **Discussion regarding Inclusive Park planning.** Theisen discussed joint planning efforts between the village and McFarland School District for an inclusive playground at the district's Waubesa Intermediate School. The park would be adjacent to the district's current softball fields, and include restrooms, accessible parking, and a driveway on the southern portion of the school district property at the school to make both the ballfields and inclusive park accessible via vehicles. The cost of the project, estimated at between \$1 million and \$2 million, will be split between the village and school district.
- c. **Discussion and action regarding a request from Aly's Honky Tonk Hustle to utilize horses at Brandt Park on September 30, 2023, pursuant to Chapter 44-20 of the Village Code of Ordinance.** Jerke motioned, seconded by Fessler, to approve the use of horses by Aly's Honky Tonk Hustle event on September 30, 2023 at Brandt Park. Motion carried 7-0.
- d. **Discussion and action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding Appendix A fee updates related to Chapter 44 Parks & Recreation Fees.** Jerke motioned, Tokar seconded, to recommend approval to the Village

Board regarding the fee updates for Appendix A Fees Chapter 44 as presented in the committee packet. Motion carried 7-0.

- e. **Discussion and action regarding the train playground equipment.** Igl reported that the village Public Works Department, which removed a large piece of train playground equipment from Discovery Park adjacent to the library several years ago, would like to dispose of the equipment as it's no longer considered a safe piece of playground equipment by current playground standards. Jerke motioned, Fessler seconded, to recommend approval to the Village Board regarding the disposal of the train playground equipment. Motion carried 7-0.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

- a. Tuesday, October 3, at 6:00 PM

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Fessler motioned to adjourn; seconded by Lancaster. Motion carried 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.