

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND

Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes

Tuesday, February 6, 2024 - 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL.

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

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

Members not present:

Staff Present: Community & Economic Development Director Andrew Bremer, Public Works Director Lee Igl, Parks Superintendent Sayer Larson, Assistant to the Public Works Director Aimee Irwin, and MSA staff Steve Tremlett

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

- a. *This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Parks and Recreation Committee for items that are not on the agenda. Please remember this is a hybrid meeting conducted in person and through the Zoom online meeting platform. Meeting attendees wishing to address the Committee about items not on the agenda may do so at this time. Zoom attendees should type their name and address in the Question and Answer feature within the Zoom online meeting platform at this time. 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. When you are called upon to speak, state your name, address, and provide your comments to the Committee for their consideration. 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.*

Members of the public may also speak during their selected agenda item as they designate on the public comment form or in the Question and Answer feature on Zoom.

Kate Levin of 4528 Red Barn Run provided public comment regarding the future splash pad and pool proposals that the committee will consider. Levin encouraged the committee to consider a pool option.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

- a. *Motion to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2024, Parks & Recreation Committee meeting.*

Motion by Trustee Jerke, seconded by Trustee Fessler, to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2024, Parks & Recreation Committee meeting. Motion carries 7 - 0 - 0.

4. BUSINESS.

- a. *Discussion regarding park and recreation improvements within Redevelopment Districts 1 & 2.*

Bremer provided the background that the Community Development Authority and the

Plan Commission are jointly working to update the 2010 Redevelopment District 1 and 2 plans. Both planning areas include Village park and recreational amenities. Steve Tremlett of MSA reviewed the materials within the packet. The first area reviewed and discussed was possible parking expansion efforts at McDaniel Park.

- Wisnicky commented on her recommendation to keep as much green space as possible in the park due to its current use.
- Kuba asked for clarification regarding the proposed location of the additional parking. Bremer and Tremlett explained that the expansion would be a continuation of the current drive lane and allow for additional green space or stormwater management inside the loop.
- Lancaster asked how many additional stalls would be gained by the expansion. Tremlett responded that about 35 stalls are estimated with the expansion.
- Trustee Jerke recommended evaluating space for additional watercraft storage racks.

The second area reviewed and discussed was improvements at Brandt Park. Tremlett explained there are two possible areas for additional parking, either in the NE corner of the park or the SE corner of the park.

- Tokar asked if the SE corner was chosen could pathways be created to help traffic flow around the fields to the other areas of the park. Bremer responded that pathways could be evaluated.
- Trustee Jerke asked about the possibility of widening the roadway on McDaniel Lane. Bremer stated the property line is more defined along McDaniel Lane versus Erling.
- Kuba asked when the playground would be up for upgrade at the park. Larson responded the playground was installed in 2010 and has an estimated life of 20 years.

The final area reviewed and discussed was Arnold Larson Park. Bremer explained improvements are focused on the westside of the park. Bremer added that there are limitations due to the area being a historical Badger Petroleum site.

- Lancaster asked about the plans for restroom facilities at the park. Larson explained restroom facilities are included with the master plan for this park.
- Trustee Jerke asked if there would be storage available with the band shell. Larson responded yes storage could be available.
- Kuba asked if identified pathways could be phased in prior to other elements of the master plan. Bremer responded this could be done as planned and included within the budget.

Bremer explained that the Landmarks Commission is working on a project to add historical signs within Larson Park as enclosed within the packet. Bremer added that MSA will fine tune the concepts based on the committee's comments and return to the

March Parks and Recreation Committee meeting for continued discussion.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

a. Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Kuba, seconded by Tokar, to adjourn at 7:31 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Aimee Irwin
Assistant to the Public Works Director