

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND

Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes

Tuesday, March 5, 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 of the Municipal Center. This 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: Public Works Director Lee Igl, Parks Superintendent Sayer Larson, Assistant to the Public Works Director Aimee Irwin, Parkitecture staff Blake Theisen.

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.

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

- a. *Motion to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2024 Parks & Recreation Committee meeting.*

Motion by Trustee Jerke, seconded by Trustee Fessler, to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2024, Parks & Recreation Committee meeting. Motion carries 7 - 0 - 0.

4. BUSINESS.

- a. *Discussion and action regarding a request by ACE Mentor Wisconsin to host a pickleball tournament.*

Larson provided a summary of the request by ACE Mentor Wisconsin to host a pickleball tournament on June 15, 2024. Fred Carvalho of ACE Mentor Wisconsin was

in attendance to answer questions regarding the request and the ACE Mentor Wisconsin program.

- Trustee Fessler asked if ACE Mentor Wisconsin was working with the McFarland School District. Carvalho responded that the program is currently in various Madison area schools but hopes to expand in the future.
- Trustee Jerke asked for additional information related to the program and the final presentation. Carvalho explained that each session has a curriculum and the students decide on a project. The project is worked on by the students throughout the school year, which leads to the final presentation.
- Trustee Jerke asked if there were any concerns about the event held in 2023. Larson responded that there were no concerns.

Motion by Trustee Jerke, seconded by Trustee Fessler, to approve a request by ACE Mentor Wisconsin to host a pickleball tournament on June 15, 2024 (rain date of June 16, 2024). Motion carries 7 - 0 - 0.

b. Discussion and action regarding a request from MRAP for pickleball court usage.

Larson provided an overview of the request from MRAP for pickleball court usage in 2024 and how the request compared to their 2023 request. Alisha Fix, Recreation Supervisor for the McFarland School District, provided a presentation regarding MRAP and their request for pickleball court usage.

- Kuba asked why the pickleball court request was for Wednesdays. Fix responded that gym access is only available on Wednesday evening for the indoor program. Therefore, they chose to align this request with that day of the week.

Motion by Trustee Jerke, seconded by Kuba, to approve a request from MRAP for pickleball court usage. Motion carries 7 - 0 - 0.

c. Discussion and action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding the draft plan for Aquatics.

Blake Theisen of Parkitecture presented the plan for aquatics, reviewing the two concepts. Igl explained that the intent of this item is to approve the plan, not to make a decision about which concept will be chosen.

- Trustee Fessler asked if this was included within the Capital Improvement Plan. Trustee Jerke stated that funds are included in 2027 for design, not build.
- Trustee Jerke asked if there were trade-offs spacewise between the two concepts. Theisen stated that spacewise the two concepts are very similar.
- Trustee Fessler asked how long a facility would last. Igl and Theisen explained that the mechanics last about 20 years. Igl added additional ongoing maintenance required by a pool, such as painting.
- Trustee Jerke asked about Igl's experience at Sun Prairie if the community supported the pool. Igl stated that the pool continually showed a loss, but the community supported the pool.
- Trustee Jerke inquired if growth in the community was considered for the plan.

Theisen responded that the growth of the community was included as part of the plan.

- Trustee Fessler inquired if parking would be reduced if concept b was implemented for a splash pad. Theisen explained parking would be reduced to what is required for a splash pad.
- Lancaster asked about the liabilities between the two concepts. Theisen explained that insurance would be required to change if a high dive was included. As presented, there would be little difference in liability for the two concepts.
- Trustee Jerke asked about any operational concerns to be aware of. Theisen responded by not skimping on the concession area and being forward-thinking regarding gender-neutral restrooms.
- Amanda Wagner of 6120 Creamery Ct and McFarland Sharks commented that the McFarland Sharks would be a willing partner for a pool.
- Rachel Chambers of 5503 Chestnut Ln provided her support in favor of a pool.
- Trustee Fessler commented that he has reservations about the cost but willing to approve the plan as presented.

Motion by Trustee Jerke, seconded by Tokar, to recommend approval to the Village Board regarding the draft plan for Aquatics as presented. Motion carries 7 - 0 - 0.

d. Discussion and action regarding the Inclusive Park final design

Theisen provided an update regarding the Inclusive Park. Theisen presented the 95% plan set and explained that the school district will be negotiating with a contractor instead of taking the project to bid.

Motion by Trustee Jerke, seconded by Rupert, to approve the Inclusive Park final design as presented. Motion carries 7 - 0 - 0.

e. Discussion and action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding the award of contract for the Highland Oaks Park restroom project.

Igl provided an overview of the Highland Oaks Park restroom project including a summary of the bid process and results.

- Trustee Fessler clarified regarding the first bid opening. Igl explained that the first bid opening only received one bidder, and they were not qualified.
- Trustee Jerke asked if the village was working with Speedway Sand & Gravel currently. Igl responded that Speedway Sand & Gravel was the contractor on the Paulson Road project last year but not an active contractor.
- Trustee Fessler asked if a drinking fountain would be included in the structure. Larson responded that, yes, the drinking fountain is included within the scope of the project.

Motion by Trustee Jerke, seconded by Kuba, to recommend approval to the Village Board regarding the award of contract for the Highland Oaks Park restroom project. Motion carries 7 - 0 - 0.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

a. Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Trustee Fessler, seconded by Wisnicky, to adjourn at 7:59 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