

November 10, 2016 Park Commission Minutes

Present: Scott Warner (President), Alex Hintz (Vice-President), Kathy Burton (Secretary), Ed Willing (Trustee), Liz Kocjan, Melody Schmitz, Craig McAteer

Also present: Randall Solberg (Parks Supervisor)

1) Call to Order- The meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M..

2) Public Comments- none

3) Approval of Minutes- n/a

4) Supervisor/Maintenance Update-

a) Supervisor's Report- Randall talked about restructuring the field at Gorney Park. He told the Commission that the field mix will be delivered directly and we will see approximately \$2,000.00 in savings which could be redirected to fencing. Scott asked Randall to keep looking into what we can legally do to control weeds, and stated that eventually the Commission will get Randall through the certification process. Randall asked to change the season of the Parks. He recommended that the Parks close at daylight savings time, and to keep the port-a-potties there through that time. He told the Commission that he is keeping a port-a-potty at Linwood Park while they are raising their barn. He noted that the shelter at Linwood Park needs repair and that we would supply the materials and hope that the Historical Society will do the work as they are the caregivers of that park. He also informed the Commission that the Village may donate up to 9 acres to the Parks to expand Crawford Park. Scott talked about the possibilities for that land. Randall gave a quote of \$102,993.00 for an additional shelter with a bathroom at Crawford Park. He confirmed that SEWRPC is currently working on our Parks and Open Space Plan. He put together a history of the Caledonia Parks. He will also put together a sign at the Nicholson Wildlife Refuge with pictures of things you may see. He informed us that \$3,940.00 came back to the Village from completing the grant for the boardwalk at NWR which the Village will put back into the Parks to start phase 2 of the boardwalk, observation deck, and seating. Scott said that he would like to see informational signs at each park and would like to hold a meeting in each park as well. Randall would like to expand the parking, build a shelter, and have gate information at the Nicholson Wildlife Refuge.- Liz made a motion to allocate the grant fund balance of \$3,940.00 for the improvements of the Nicholson Wildlife Refuge to the discretion of the Parks Supervisor. Seconded by Craig. Motion carried unanimously.

b) 2016 Events - January 29, 2017 scheduled for Bowling Fundraiser, and August 6, 2017 scheduled for the Golf Fundraiser.

c) League Update - The Parks profited \$2,843.00 from the league this year.

d) Project Approval - Liz made a motion to spend up to \$5,000.00 for fencing at Gorney Park. Seconded by Alex. Motion carried unanimously.

Kathy made a motion to approve up to \$2,500.00 for the roofs of the dugouts at Crawford Park. Seconded by Alex. Motion carried unanimously. Randall reminded us that these projects are funded by the fundraisers.

5) Gorney Park Watersports Proposal - Discussion was had regarding concerns of: altering the integrity of the park, the size of the pond, and the success of wakeboarding. Melody asked about stocking the pond. Scott confirmed that the DNR stocks the pond

and that they have approved the project. - Ed made a motion to not recommend the wakeboard project at this time due to concerns regarding altering the fundamental nature of Gorney Park. Seconded by Melody. Motion carried unanimously.

6) President's Report - Scott reminded Commission members that the last Friday of the month prior to a meeting is the deadline for the submission of agenda items. He went on to inform the Commission that the Village Board tentatively approved their budget with the public hearing and final approval scheduled to take place in December. He announced that Randall may become a full-time employee and Village maintenance man, with the Parks and Village splitting the cost of his salary. With Randall being a year round employee, Scott hopes that he will be able to look into grant opportunities; and that when the Parks Plan is completed even more opportunities will be open to us.

7) Budget Report - There are \$250,000.00 in impact fees available. We are up on rental fees this year. There are still year end bills coming through, but we should come out with a surplus. Scott would like Randall to become more involved in the budget process to help streamline the budget in terms of where and how expenses are placed.

8) 2017 Budget - There will be no levy increase and everything else is staying fairly flat and conservative.

9) New Business- none

10) Communications and Announcements - none

11) Adjournment - Ed made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Liz. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:28 P.M..

Respectfully Submitted By: Kathy Burton