

January 10, 2017 Park Commission Minutes

Present: Scott Warner (President), Kathy Burton (Secretary), Ed Willing (Trustee), Craig McAteer, Liz Kocjan

Also Present: Randall Solberg (Supervisor), John Brines (Journal Times)

- 1) Call to Order- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M..
- 2) Public Comments- None
- 3) Approval of Minutes- Ed made a motion to approve the November 2016 minutes. Seconded by Liz. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4) Supervisor/Maintenance Update
 - a) Supervisor's Report- Randall told the Commission that his computer was hacked and lost everything. The Village got him one for business, but he is starting from scratch (creating forms, logos, flyers, etc.) He informed us that he received a parks inventory from SEWRPC. He said that the inventory needs to be confirmed. The map sent includes ALL parks (Village, County, and State). There was discussion regarding the Village Land Use Plan, The Regional Land Use Plan, and The Parks Plan. Randall announced to the Commission that he is now full-time with the Village.
 - b) 2016 Wrap-up- The Parks are closed for the winter. However, Randall left some garbage cans out for the people who like to eat lunch in the parks. He let us know that Crawford will be plowed for overflow parking for a Milaegers event.
 - c) Fundraiser Update- Randall talked about getting people out for the fundraisers. He talked briefly about Kohls Cares (Kohls sends employees to help work the fundraiser) which will benefit youth organizations using the parks. The money we make will go toward the dug-outs. Randall delivered plaques to PPG to thank them for their generous paint donations. They were very grateful and offered continued support.
 - d) 2017 To-Do- Randall is looking to fill up his summer softball and kickball leagues and possibly have a fall league as well. Dirt from the Parkview Project will be moved to Gorney Park to benefit the Spartans Soccer League. Mano Fencing was selected for fencing. Randall was able to save money and will be working on fencing and dug-outs.
- 5) President's Report- We are wrapped up for 2016 and are looking forward to the new year.
- 6) Budget Report- Due to winter, we haven't been doing a lot so things haven't changed much.
- 7) Crawford Park Planning- Scott updated the Park Use Agreement with the Caledonia Baseball League with the only real change being that once approved by Village's legal council and the Baseball League, it will auto-renew. He went through the agreement. Kathy made a motion to approve the Park Use Agreement pending approval of the Village's legal council and the Caledonia Baseball League. Seconded by Ed. Motion carried unanimously. Scott asked for development ideas for Crawford Park. Kathy suggested a disc golf course. Scott agreed and also brought up an amphitheater for outdoor concerts or movies in the park. Liz brought up winter ideas such as ice skating or a junior hockey league. Randall went through his ideas including: an all season shelter/hall, access road, futsal, parking, ball diamond, full court basketball, disc golf, shelters, and a walking path with a fitness course.

8) New Business- None

9) Communications and Announcements- Scott talked about an email he received regarding skate parks. He also received an email regarding the Nicholson Wildlife Refuge and the work being done, and how excited the sender is about it. Randall showed pictures of the 5 1/2 Mile Rd. Park and briefly mentioned the County Line Park.

10) Adjournment- Ed made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Liz. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:39 P.M..

Respectfully Submitted By: Kathy Burton