

**Special Village Board
July 17, 2017**

President Bradley called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., at Village Hall, 5043 Chester Lane, Racine, WI.

Board Present: Trustee Benkowski, Trustee Trentadue, Trustee Wanggaard, Trustee Willing, Trustee Dobbs, Trustee Wishau and President Bradley.

Absent: None

Staff Present: Village Administrator Tom Christensen.

1. Park & Rec Presentation/ Ed Willing

Trustee Willing, as Board Liaison to the Park and Rec Commission gave a presentation on a 5 Year Parks Improvement Plan and the Main Priorities for Crawford Park.

Some of the higher priority items included an access road, some walking paths, 3 additional shelters, tree planting and a dog park. Walking paths and a dog park are relatively inexpensive improvements and would open the park to more people. A community center would be a multi-use building. A committee would be formed to figure out the cost involved. He spoke about the revenue source that a center could bring. The current Village park shelters have exceeded budget due to their high demand. Soccer fields are also in high demand. He spoke about additional concession stand and a fitness area that may bring in other interests for those that are health conscious. There are grants out there that may help with the costs involved. The Parks Commission will be pursuing available grants for various things once actual costs are known. He informed the board of the process the Commission is following and that they will bring a plan to the board once it's finalized. Trustee Wishau said they should be careful of putting in structures because of vandalism. We was in favor of a dog park and suggested limestone for a walking path. He questioned some of the ideas such as additional shelters and said he would like to attend their next meeting. Trustee Dobbs brought up the access road and suggested they wait and see what happens with the access road to the new village hall. He also suggested a walking path around the entire property. He was not in favor of the community center at this time since the last one was rarely used. Trustee Wishau felt, from his experience, that the fitness area would be rarely used. He also felt softball is a passing sport that no one is playing. He thought the space could be used more wisely.

2. Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Trentadue to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Willing. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karie Torkilsen, Village Clerk