

July 10, 2018 Park Commission Minutes

Present: Scott Warner (President), Ed Willing (Vice-President), Kathy Burton (Secretary), Jay Benkowski (Trustee), Patrick Flynn (Commissioner), Earl Bednar (Commissioner)

Also Present: Randall Solberg (Supervisor), Robbie Robinson (SEWRPC), and Ben McKay (SEWRPC)

1) Call to Order- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Vice-President Willing. (President Warner was delayed.)

2) Public Comments – None

3) Approval of Minutes- *Trustee Benkowski made a motion to approve the May 2018 minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Bednar. Motion carried unanimously.

4) President's Report- (President Warner arrived 7:15) President Warner informed the Commission that we do not have an RFP for the Crawford Park expansion yet. Trustee Benkowski said that he would have some conversations to move the process along.

5) Trustee Liaison Update- Trustee Benkowski would like the Commission to get the budget numbers ready for August. He would also like the Commission to be modest with the amount that they would ask from the Board during the budget. He recommended that the Commission delay the public hearing for the Park Plan and consider a larger venue due to the controversy surrounding the Quarry expansion public hearing. The Commission decided to move forward with the Park Plan schedule as it has been a work in progress for 2 – 3 years and it should not be delayed.

6) Caledonia Cemetery Sexton- Trustee Benkowski felt that the Village Board may want to investigate other options. There was conversation regarding the sexton position, the cemetery budget, and Jim Svaboda (current sexton). It was decided that the charge of the Commission was to make a recommendation to the Village Board and let them decide. * Commissioner Flynn made a motion to recommend that the Village continue to retain Jim Svaboda as the Cemetery Sexton under his current terms. Seconded by Commissioner Bednar. Motion carried unanimously.

7) Park and Open Space Plan-

a) Robbie Robinson – SEWRPC – Mr. Robinson relayed that the June 4th Park Plan Open House was decently attended. They (SEWRPC) received several comments. Some of the comments have been incorporated (such as a missing Caledonia Conservancy easement). Other comments were merely a difference of terminology, but all comments will be noted in the plan. Trustee Benkowski was concerned over missed grant opportunities. He also wondered who should be writing the grants (Staff?). Mr. Robinson conveyed that the Commission had already missed opportunities due to an outdated plan. However, because we are working with SEWRPC, we currently have “interim eligibility” to apply for grants.

b) Preliminary Village Plan- Mr. Robinson noted that because the plan is an amendment to the Comprehensive Regional Plan, the next step is to have it approved by the Village Plan Commission. There needs to be a Public Hearing prior to the Plan Commission which requires a 30 day notice. *Vice-President Willing made a motion to approve the Plan and to forward it to the Village Plan Commission. Seconded by Trustee Benkowski. Motion carried unanimously.

8) Supervisor/Maintenance Update-

a) Supervisor's Report-

b) Leagues- We made \$3,570.00 on softball/kickball leagues. The profits will go back into Gorney Park.

c) Golf Outing- Supervisor Solberg explained how the event works. He stressed the need for the Commission to function as a team to put these events together.

d) Expenditures- Supervisor Solberg asked for signage to cover up 2x4s and said that there is money in the budget to do so. However, some commissioners felt that the money was better spent elsewhere, and no action was taken.

9) Budget Report-

a) Roll Over Funding/Advertising Revenue- *Commissioner Flynn made a motion that any monies generated by the Parks and Rec will be carried over and utilized for the benefit of future expenditures by Parks and Rec; such as but not limited to: advertising, fundraising, and leagues. Seconded by Vice-President Willing. Motion carried unanimously.

10) Weed Control and Seeding at Crawford Park- *Vice-President Willing made a motion to authorize up to \$7,000.00 in impact fees to grow the grass and control the weeds at Crawford Park.

11) Communications and Announcements- none

12) Adjournment- *Vice-President Willing made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Flynn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:46 P.M..

Respectfully Submitted By: Kathy Burton