

September 11, 2018 Park Commission Minutes

Place: Caledonia Village Hall – Conference Room

Present: Scott Warner (President), Jay Benkowski (Trustee), Patrick Flynn, Earl Bednar,

Also present: Randall Solberg (Supervisor), Ed and Jenny Zabrowski, Rosie Oille, Cheryl Ketzner, Kim Perez(Caledonia/Baseball Organization) Adam Rogan Racine Journal Times, Melissa Rasmussen MN/WI Playgrounds-Gametime

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

2) Public Comments- Ed & Jenny Zabrowski concern about the lack of support from Caledonia Park and Recreation to help maintain the weed control on the infields, the dugout roof completion for shade for the younger children. Rosie Oille with 12 years of involvement with the league voiced her concerns on a number of issues with Crawford Park. She is looking for help with general maintenance with weed control to the infields at the start of the season. The dugout roof project should have not started if all the money wasn't raise to complete the project. They could use their tents for shade the past two seasons. Would like the Parks to maintain and purchase the supplies for the trash cans and the restrooms. Rosie also voiced her concerns over no financial benefit from the new advertising signage on the outfield fence by local businesses. Scott Warner provided input from prior years that Parks and Rec. had no money –no budget and no growth. He also mentioned that the league pays no usage fees or any utilities fees to use Crawford Park from April 1 – August 1. Plus, the league receives 100% of all concession sales. The parks also purchased new player benches, concrete dugout floors and through the fundraising event we added the fence guards around the outfield fence. The dugout roofs were funded by the fundraiser.

Rosie would like to have the agreement contract rewritten with more responsibilities transfer to the parks now that there is an employee working for the Village. Trustee Jay Benkowski made a motion for a subcommittee to be formed to work with Caledonia Baseball to renegotiate a new contact. Seconded by Earl Bednar. Motion carried

Jay mentions there are three types of parks: recreational, play grounds and nature and we also have five parks that Randall has to maintain. While he is a full time employee he is only a part-time parks employee. His workload must be shared to cover the needs with in our village parks.

Randall mentions that all the improvements to the Gorney Ball diamonds have only been funded by the adult leagues. Any profits made during the league has gone back into the park to improve the overall field conditions.

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

4) President's Report a) President Warner submitted 2019 budget. Included was the 8.4 acre acquisition (wrap up) and SEWRPAC. Will be on October Village Board agenda for approval. (The Park had been bumped due to the quarry extension meeting. See website for dates.

5) Trustee Liaison update – Jay Benkowski – With reference to the budget – Jay stated we all should attend the meeting and advocate for Park and Recreation – Let our voice – Park and Recreation commission be heard. (website for dates)

6) Maple Park – It has been brought to the attention of the current commission that our residences feel a need for better general maintenance and enhancements of this five acre neighborhood park. Solberg stated this has been on the radar since 2015. The immediate issues are drainage and weeds around the playground equipment. Removal of the two dead trees and enhancements to the park example: additional playground equipment. Solberg commented that there is

a dirt burn around the play area to keep the wood chip in place, but it also holds the rain water from draining away. The Parks will be installing drain tiles to remove the water and add new woodchips in the spring. Need to have all the weeds killed and make sure the drain tiles are working before adding the chips. The dead trees were removed and all the remaining trees were trimmed up.

As a reference point for the new commissioners (E Bednar, P. Flynn) Scott Warner mention brief history of Maple Park. This 5 acre park was part of a homeowner association subdivision for 72 lot homeowner development. The homeowner association transfer Maple park responsibilities to The Village Parks and Recreation. Comment: Future impact on Maple Park will be based on the growth of the subdivision and funding to specific needs. Future development like playground equipment, basketball courts and other request by the neighborhood could be funded from a portion of the impact fees within that area.

Trustee Jay Benkowski made a motion to make Maple Park appropriate repairs and enhancement of grade school equipment from MN/WI Playground- Gametime to replace missing spring toy per quote#20343. Funds available October/ paid by our new advertising signage program which helps the parks with maintenance issues. Pat Flynn second the motion – motion carried.

Supervisor Report- Randall made a request to purchase a printer. He currently sends attachments to the Village Hall for copies. Trustee Jay Benkowski makes a motion to approve a purchase of a color printer for the parks supervisor not to exceed \$275.00. Seconded by Pat Flynn – motion carried

7) Supervisor Solberg brings attention of the 100% matching fund program with Gametime. Melissa from Gametime was on hand to review and present various playground equipment options. Trustee Jay Benkowski motions we spend \$60K for playground equipment for lower Gorney Park and \$6K on Maple Park. Jay requested that Randall review the quotes from Gametime and pending approval by the village board and park plans authorization to use impact fees. This would be funded by impact fees as this would be new play development. Commissioner Earl Bednar second the motion – motion carried.

8) Need to start a RFP for development of 8 acres for the expansion of Crawford Park, - Tom Lazcano will write the RFP and post to our website. Scott Warner will get the bullet point to Tom.

9) Budget Report – Caledonia Parks Enterprise Fund thru 8/31/2018

10) Communication Announcements – none

11) President Scott Warner makes a motion to adjourn meeting Commissioner E. Bednar seconds – motion carried

9:22 pm