

## April 9, 2019 Park Commission Minutes

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

Also present: Randall Solberg (Supervisor), Tom Lazcano (Caledonia Public Works Director), Jeremy Hinds (Key Engineering Group), Fran Martin (Trustee), Cole Dixon (student), Truman Dixon (student), and Adam Rogan (Journal Times)

1) Call to Order- The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M..

2) Public Comments- none

3) Approval of Minutes- n/a

4) President's Report- President Warner thanked the Commission and said his farewell. He asked the Commission to keep the future growth of the entire community in mind as we continue to develop parks in Caledonia.

5) Crawford Park Plan- Jeremy Hinds provided the public comments he received during the public hearing. Most of the citizens favored the Scheme B- Plan.

Jeremy went over the different citizen suggestions and asked the Commission for tweaks to the Plan. The Commission asked him to reduce the size of the amphitheater by 1/3 and to add some walkways. After a lengthy discussion regarding traffic, safety, and the surrounding neighborhoods; most of the Commission agreed that there should be additional access points to the east, west, and the south.

Jeremy informed the Commission that he is seeking the Village Board to pass a resolution to give the staff permission to pursue grants to offset the costs of the Park Development.

6) Budget Report- President Warner briefed the Commission and stated that we are operating within our current budget.

7) Supervisor's Report

a) Maintenance Update- A slide at Crawford Park is broken and will cost approximately \$1,800.00 to fix/replace it. \*\*Trustee Benkowski made a motion to allow Supervisor Solberg to pursue a replacement slide for Crawford Park not to exceed \$3,600.00 purchased and installed. Seconded by Vice-President Willing. Motion carried unanimously.

b) Playground Resurfacing- Supervisor Solberg would like to resolve drainage issues and mulch safety at Crawford Park. \*\*Trustee Benkowski made a motion for Supervisor Solberg to explore options to pursue independent contractors to make drainage corrections and to place specialized mulch at play stations while recognizing that cost is paramount. Seconded by Commissioner Arehart. Motion carried unanimously.

8) Election of Officers- President Warner briefly went over the roles of the positions.

\*\*Vice-President Willing made a motion to nominate Commissioner Flynn as President. Seconded by Trustee Benkowski. Motion carried unanimously.

\*\*Trustee Benkowski made a motion to nominate Commissioner Bednar as Vice-President. Seconded by Vice-President Willing. Motion carried unanimously.

\*\*Vice-President Willing made a motion to nominate Kathy Burton as Secretary. Seconded by Trustee Benkowski. Motion carried unanimously.

9) Communications and Announcements- none

10) Adjournment- \*\*Commissioner Bednar made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Benkowski. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 P.M..

Respectfully Submitted By: Kathy Burton