

June 11, 2019 Park Commission Minutes

Present: Patrick Flynn (President), Earl Bednar (Vice-President), Kathy Burton (Secretary), Tom Weatherston (Trustee Liaison), Sara Kierzek (Commissioner), Michael Lambrecht (Commissioner), and Jim Arehart (Commissioner)

Also present: Randall Solberg (Supervisor), Tom Lazcano (Caledonia Public Works Director), and Jeremy Hines (Key Engineering Group)

- 1) Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.
- 2) Introduction of new Liaison Weatherston – Tom Weatherston was introduced as the new Liaison to the Parks Commission.
- 3) Public Comments – none
- 4) Approval of Minutes – **Commissioner Kierzek made a motion to approve the May 14, 2019 Minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Arehart. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5) President's Report – none
- 6) Park Expansion Plan (Key Engineering) – For the benefit of the mostly new members of the Commission, Jeremy Hines went over the process of the Crawford Park Expansion Plan. He shared several magnifications of the map of the plan. He also went over comments that Key Engineering received during a public viewing of the plan and comments that they received afterwards. He talked about a bigger dog park, a smaller amphitheater, and additional access points. Secretary Burton had concerns regarding traffic and parking in the surrounding neighborhoods and disagreed with multiple access points. Tom Lazcano informed the Commission that Secretariat Lane is currently on the official Village map as a through street. Jeremy Hines stated that the park should have multiple entrances/exits to make it more accessible and efficient as people are coming and going from the park. He also stated that there are things that can be done such as speed bumps that can help to slow traffic. There was discussion regarding the access points. He explained that the next step in the process is for the Parks Commission to either make additional tweaks to the plan or forward it on to the Plan Commission for their approval. ** Trustee Weatherston made a motion to send the Crawford Park Expansion Plan to the Plan Commission as drawn. Seconded by Vice-President Bednar. Motion carried (6 - yes, 1 – no)
- 7) Request to plan a Root River Pathway Access for Kayaks/Canoes – President Flynn (an avid kayaker) would like to see various access points for kayaks and canoes along the Root River. The Commission agreed that canoeing and kayaking would be a great feature in Caledonia. There was discussion regarding different locations and their possibilities. President Flynn asked for volunteers to research several locations. Vice-President Bednar will research Chapala Park. Commissioner Lambrecht will research Linwood Park. Commissioner Kierzek will research along the river at the intersection of 4 Mile Rd and Hwy 31. And President Flynn will research West Johnson and Mona Park Dr..
- 8) Whittier Request for Gov't Medallion in Caledonia Memorial Cemetery – **Vice-President Bednar made a motion to accept the medallion proposal. Seconded by Commissioner Lambrecht. Motion carried unanimously.

9) Metal Detecting Permit – The Caledonia attorneys submitted a draft of a Metal Detecting Permit to the Commission for their review and possible approval. ** Commissioner Arehart made a motion to accept the permit application. Seconded by Commissioner Kierzek. Motion carried unanimously.

10) Budget Report- Supervisor Solberg informed the Commission that the Village is using new software that allows for new categories in the budget. Therefore, money raised by the Parks will stay within the Parks.

11) Supervisor's Report

a) Update – The Spartan Soccer Club used and maintained a parcel in Gorney Park on 7 Mile Rd.. They have now moved to Crawford Park and no longer use or maintain the parcel. Scott Morten (current mowing contractor) is asking to be paid for cutting the parcel, but the contract is still pending approval of Caledonia's legal team.

The money made from the Caledonia Leagues is being used to update the fields with infield mix dirt. Supervisor Solberg would like to purchase 2 loads (23 tons each @ \$61.95 per ton). ** Vice-President Bednar made a motion to approve the purchase of the infield ball mix. Seconded by Commissioner Arehart. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Solberg talked about purchasing 2 swings that allow an adult and a small child to swing together while facing each other (expression swing). Each swing costs \$1,376. 00, and the funds would come from our impact fees. ** Secretary Burton made a motion to approve the purchase of 2 expression swings, one for Crawford Park and one for Gorney Park. Seconded by Vice-President Bednar. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Solberg showed a flier and explained the Golf Outing Fundraiser to the new Commissioners.

12) Communications and Announcements – Commissioner Lambrecht informed the Commission that there are 46 acres for sale between Hwy 31 and Hwy 38. He commented that he was approached by neighbors asking about the possibility of a future park and was bringing the idea forward.

13) Adjournment – **Trustee Weatherston made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Vice-President Bednar. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted By: Kathy Burton