

July 9, 2019 Park Commission Minutes

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

Also present: Randall Solberg (Supervisor), and Tom Lazcano (Caledonia Public Works Director)

- 1) Call to Order- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.
- 2) Public Comments- none
- 3) Approval of Minutes- **Trustee Weatherston made a motion to approve the June 11, 2019 Minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Arehart. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4) Reports

Staff- Supervisor Solberg informed the Commission that WE Energies is going to restore the bike path between 4 and 5 Mile Roads that was damaged during a train derailment. They will close the path during the hours of 6 A.M. – 4 P.M. for one week beginning on Friday, July 10, 2019.

Supervisor Solberg asked the Commission if they would like to hold our meetings in the parks during the summer months. The Commission agreed.

He went over the repairs and updates recently done in the parks, and let the Commission know that the pre-approved ball mix will be going in at Gorney Park soon.

Supervisor Solberg passed out flyers for the July 28, 2019 Golf Outing Fundraiser which will benefit four youth leagues.

Commission Members- none

5) Root River Pathway Access for Kayaks/Canoes Updates- The Commission is currently looking at five sites to possibly install launches for canoes and kayaks.

1) Linwood Park – Commissioner Lambrecht spoke with someone at the DNR. He learned that due to the Root River Restoration that SEWRPC recommends a canoe/kayak launch at Linwood Park. The Commission would need to look for someone to install the launch keeping ADA compliance in mind.

2) Intersection of 4 Mile Road and Highway 31 – Commissioner Kierzek was unsuccessful at reaching Caledonia Village Trustee Prott (who works for Racine County Public Works). Trustee Weatherston informed the Commission that Trustee Prott had been out of town.

3) West Johnson Avenue – Also needs information from the County.

4) Mona Park Drive – President Flynn said that the area was very overgrown and would need to be cleared.

5) Chapala Park – Vice President Bednar stressed that the cliffs, rocks, waves, and undertow make this area extremely dangerous and did not feel that it was a safe location for a canoe/kayak launch. He did speak with someone from the DNR who directed him to speak with the Root River Council.

Supervisor Solberg was told by the DNR that it is recommended that there be a canoe/kayak launch every 15 miles around the lake. If Caledonia does anything in this regard, Chapala Park is our best option. Secretary Burton suggested that we look at the easement at the intersection of 5 ½ Mile Road and Charles Street as a potential launch site because the public currently uses it as a lakeshore access now (whether they're supposed to or not).

Vice-President Bednar suggested that we contact and invite the DNR, Trustee Prott, The Root River Council, and someone that builds/installs launches to meet with the Commission.

6) Revisit Park Fee Schedules for continuity between Caledonia and Joint Parks- Secretary Burton had a conversation with the Village Clerk and was informed that the Village has taken over the reservations for the Joint Park. Because of this shift, the Commission is being asked to revisit the fee schedule for the Village Parks to create consistency among all the parks mostly regarding beer and wine permitting. **Vice-President Bednar made a motion that as of July 15, 2019 any future/new park reservations will be subject to a \$15 beer and wine permit fee. Seconded by Trustee Weatherston. Motion carried unanimously.

7) Budget Report- Supervisor Solberg told the Commission that the Village is changing software and is creating a new ledger for the Parks. He then walked through the budget. President Flynn had questions regarding donations and asked for someone from the Village to come and explain the budget to the Commission. Tom Lazcano stated that he will ask the Village Accountant to come and update the Commission regarding the budget.

8) Communications and Announcements- Commissioner Lambrecht notified the Commission that there will be an informational meeting at the Village Hall on Thursday, July 11, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. regarding 46 acres that are for sale in the Village. Part of this land falls under the #8 recommended future park site according to the SEWRPC Needs Assessment for Caledonia Parks.

9) Adjourn- **Trustee Weatherston made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Vice-President Bednar. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted By: Kathy Burton