

Commission: Caledonia Trustee Tom Weatherston, Mt. Pleasant Trustee Sonny Havn,
and Citizen at Large Josh Sopczak.

Absent: None

Staff/Others: Village of Caledonia Administrator Tom Christensen, Assistant Village Administrator/HR Director Toni Muise, Public Works Director Tom Lazcano, Caledonia Clerk Karie Pope, Caledonia Parks Supervisor Randall Solberg, Mt. Pleasant Parks Supervisor George Baumgardt, Attorney Tyler Helsel, Trustee Dale Stillman, Caledonia President Jim Dobbs, and Mt. Pleasant President David Degroot. Ken and Molly Michel of the Franksville Beer Garden were also present.

1. Call the meeting to order

Meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m., via Zoom meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Sopczak to approve the minutes from the May 11th meeting. Seconded by Havn. Motion carried unanimously.

Weatherston took the Agenda out of order and started with item 6, 7 and then proceeded with the agenda as posted.

6. Discussion and Recommendation to the Village Boards on the Future of the Joint Park and Joint Park Management

Caledonia President Dobbs explained that he and Caledonia Administrator Tom Christensen met with the Mt. Pleasant President Dave DeGroot and Mt. Pleasant Administrator Maureen Murphey, and Racine County Executive Jonathan Delagrave to discuss possibilities for the future management of the Joint Park. All in attendance agreed that the current format needs to change. President Dobbs overviewed the three focal options for possible management which included: the operations would be transitioned to Racine County, Village of Caledonia would handle operations solely, or a partnership with the Village of Mt. Pleasant would continue. They felt that working between two municipalities has been a challenge and were in favor of having Racine County manage the park, with Mt. Pleasant and Caledonia still owning the park and leasing it to them for a minimal fee. They would need to present a formal plan to the Racine County Board. President Dobbs stated that County Executive Jonathan Delagrave wanted to be respectful to the history of the park and if a transition was made to Racine County, that they would like to retain the current name with just a distinction that it was now being managed by Racine County. This Committee would need to make a recommendation to their respective Village Boards to move forward with any possible change procedurally. The Commission discussed some policy decisions, and the possibility of operational contracts. Christensen explained that an intergovernmental agreement would need to be formalized and terms would need to be set before this is a done deal, and reiterated that the residents would maintain the rights they always have and would make sure the park is run effectively and efficiently moving forward. The County has a more robust system to support the scope of a park that is this size. The Transition Commission is meant to keep business moving and is not meant to be a long-term solution for running the Joint Park.

Ken Michel thought that transitioning the park to Racine County was not in the best interest of the park and felt this would be an upset to the community. Molly Michel did not feel that Racine County managed their parks well, and as stewards of the park she wanted to ensure that the park becomes better than it is now.

Motion by Havn to lay this item over to get more information. Seconded by Sopszak. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Discussion and Possible action on RASA Park Use Agreement

Attorney Helsel explained that a completed draft of the agreement was sent to RASA and RASA has still not responded to any of the presented terms. The Village is ready to move forward with the agreement and did notify RASA that this meeting would be held today for possible action and RASA still hasn't responded. A possible reason for the lack of response may be because RASA may still be waiting to see if any RASA scheduled events would be moving forward given the current state of the pandemic. As it stands now there is not a contract in place. There was discussion regarding if the agreement should be approved regardless, or if RASA would be restricted from use of the park unless the agreement is signed by a certain date. The agreement will be brought back to the next meeting and is intended to be finalized via Resolution and contract; Attorney Helsel will be communicating to RASA that this will be the final opportunity to negotiate terms or the contract will be approved as is.

3. Presentation by Hop Heads Regarding Proposed Amendment to Hop Heads Beer Garden Agreement

Ken and Molly Michel of Hop Heads and the Franksville Beer Garden were present regarding some possible amendments to their current agreement. Ken explained that last year there was not a Board for them to contact directly about problems with the park and has primarily used email to address any issues. He explained that there were verbal agreements made with the former Park Manager that are not being honored and felt that paying a premium rent rate was unfair and gave hesitation in wanting to continue to invest in the park. The Michels' further explained some maintenance and operational issues they've faced throughout the year.

4. Motion to Go into Closed Session, Pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(E), to Discuss Proposed Amendment to Hop Heads Beer Garden Agreement

Motion by Havn to go into closed session. Seconded by Sopszak.

Weatherston – aye Havn – aye

Sopszak – aye

Motion carried unanimously.

5. The Joint Park Transition Commission reserves the right to RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION to take possible action on the items discussed during the CLOSED SESSION and to move to the remaining items on the agenda

Motion by Havn to reconvene into open session. Seconded by Sopszak. Motion carried unanimously.

No action was taken on the agreement at this time and will be revisited at the end of the year or by the new Parks Committee.

8. Public Works Director Report

Lazcano overviewed some projects that Solberg has done in the Joint Park which include (but not limited to):

- Sanded, striped and refinished the Joint Park Hall floors
- Men's Room sanded and painted partitions
- Sprayer Hose in the kitchen was replaced
- Received quotes for replacing blinds
- Cleaned up tree branches
- Refreshed sand in sandbox
- Turned on water to the park
- Closed playgrounds to follow Safer at Home order (taped off swings, etc.)
- Dragged baseball fields (still need to be sprayed with weed killer)
- Put up new Kids Connection Sign

9. Set Date for Next JPTC meeting

Monday, June 1 at 11:00 am

10. Adjournment

Motion by Havn to adjourn. Seconded by Sopczak. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joslyn Hoeffert
Deputy Village Clerk