

**Jt. Park Transition Commission Meeting  
July 16, 2020**

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

Absent: None.

Staff/Others: Assistant Village Administrator/HR Director Toni Muise, Development Director Peter Wagner, Public Works Director Tom Lazcano, Fire Department Chief Richard Roeder, Police Department Chief Christopher Botsch, Parks Supervisor Randall Solberg, Attorney Tyler Helsel & Trustee Dale Stillman.

**1. Call the meeting to order**

Tom Weatherston called meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., at the Caledonia Village Hall.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Havn to approve the minutes from the June 29<sup>th</sup> meeting. Seconded by Sopczak. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Resolution 2020-03 – A resolution of the Joint Park Transition Commission of the Caledonia-Mount Pleasant Memorial Park Approving A Park Use Agreement For Force-out Baseball Club, LLC For Use Of The Caledonia-Mount Pleasant Memorial Park**

Motion by Sopczak to accept the Resolution of the Joint Park Transition Commission Of The Caledonia-Mount Pleasant Memorial Park Approving A Park Use Agreement For Force-out Baseball Club, LLC For Use Of The Caledonia-Mount Pleasant Memorial Park. Seconded by Havn. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Resolution 2020-04 – A Resolution Of The Joint Park Transition Commission Of The Caledonia-Mount Pleasant Memorial Park Approving A Park Use Agreement For SMP Development LLC**

Motion by Havn to accept the Resolution of The Joint Park Transition Commission Of The Caledonia-Mount Pleasant Memorial Park Approving A Park Use Agreement For SMP Development LLC. Seconded by Sopczak. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Special Events for the Beer Garden/Hop Heads**

Food trucks are allowed in the current contract agreement. Any non-food vendors need to be approved by the Commission. Ken Michel of Hop Heads stated July 18<sup>th</sup> & August 8<sup>th</sup> the local arts, crafts and other vendors, would like to setup a station near the Beer Garden. Michel stated there would be 16 vendors at most.

Motion by Sopczak to approve the special events, taco fest and night market as presented by staff and Michels' with a maximum number of vendors set at 16. Seconded by Havn. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Sunday baseball group at the Joint Park**

Three teams at a time in the mornings from 9am until 12pm games with 35-40 people at a time. For a fee of \$100 per day, beginning on July 26, August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, and September 6. August 2<sup>nd</sup> there is a conflict, said Cari Greving Racine Events Director for Real Racine, in using the south end of the park at the pavilion. There was a suggestion to either push the season one more week out or pick a different park.

Motion by Sopczak to table and redirect after Lacrosse America discussion. Seconded by Havn.

### **7. Discussion and possible action on Lacrosse America's Tournaments in the Joint Park**

The Commission Members stated the turnout and complements about the Lacrosse America's Tournament were outstanding, but the contract wasn't followed. There was a lack of control with the crowds and parking in unauthorized locations. The Commission was unaware that the group was charging for preferred parking, there were vehicles parked overnight which is not allowed in the park, and buses parked in wrong locations that didn't relocate when officers asked the drivers to move. Other renters throughout the park were affected by the lack of control with the parking. Tightening up the contract is needed in order to move forward with future events.

Police Chief Botsch said officers were there longer than expected and suggested to hire two officers to be on-site all day.

Wayne Howard from RASA admitted people had parked in the wrong locations. He and Justin Kohl from Lacrosse America tried to redirect the parking by putting up extra barrels, ropes and cones. Kohl said, there was a larger number of cars; due to Covid-19 people drove separately instead of car-pooling. They suspect it was 400 cars and believe there could have been up to 500 at one point. Kohl said for the August Lacrosse event with the number of players the estimated number of cars would be 250 to 300. Future events for Lacrosse and Soccer over Labor Day Weekend and in October the number of people is expected to be the same.

The Commission suggested there may need to be more than the three Port-a-John facilities that were in the contract originally to accommodate the number of people at the events. There may for emergency reasons; add ATV's or UTV's on-site for emergency staff to utilize.

Fire Chief Richard Roeder asked if there are medics onsite.

Kohl said, there are four athletic trainers through Ascension and two local Sheriffs.

Greving asked if there are set event rules that can be put into place from the Village of Caledonia to follow going into the future. Greving and Kohl stated, they have a contact tree for each event they can share with Caledonia; both agree better communication is needed. Greving said she uses Racine County Sheriffs to alleviate the jurisdiction issues.

Police Chief Botsch responded that they would like to have at least one Village of Caledonia officer onsite at these events and the contact list available to them.

Tom Weatherson stated to go on record for Margaret Gesner – Health Officer from the Caledonia Health Department – she said per the CDC guidelines from the states of Indiana and

Wisconsin we should cancel all park events due to Covid-19. She said we have hold harmless agreements but asked how do we contact all those people if someone were to get sick?

The Commission respects the concerns the Health Department is conveying but there are contracts in place. Commission Members decided to still hold all planned events.

Randall Solberg – Caledonia Parks Supervisor suggested to have designated parking behind Pavilion #5 for future events. August 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup>, #5 is rented and #4 is being worked on currently so it can't be rented.

Commissioners said to block off Kids-Connection and the pavilions that are being rented. Lacrosse America will work with Solberg and get a parking plan in place to bring for review. Kohl said, he would be in control of the parking from the staffing to the materials with blocking off rented pavilions and authorized parking locations.

The Commission Members stated, they want Real Racine to fund at least two Village of Caledonia deputies if they have modes of transportation to travel within the park in lieu of Real Racine hiring two County Sheriffs.

Future Event Dates: August 1 & 2 – September 4, 5, 6 & 7

Motion to approve the reservation of the date of events listed with Lacrosse America for August 1, 2, and September 4, 5, 6, 7, and the deadline for the amended agreement be signed by July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Motion approved by Sopczak. Seconded by Havn. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Revisit #6 -Sunday baseball group at the Joint Park**

Sunday baseball group prefers the Franksville Park, for August 2<sup>nd</sup>. They are willing to have their Labor Day Tourney Event using Gorney Park if Franksville Park is unavailable.

Helsel will create a contract for the 7 weeks the Baseball Group wants to play starting July 26<sup>th</sup> through Labor Day Weekend to be ready for July 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Next meeting will be July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30am at Caledonia Village Hall

### **8. Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:48a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Erika Waage  
Admin. Assist. Building & Engineering