

**Jt. Park Transition Commission Meeting**  
**August 27, 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, Police Department Chief Christopher Botsch, and Attorney Tyler Helsel.

**1. Call the meeting to order**

Tom Weatherston called meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., at the Caledonia Village Hall.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Havn to approve the minutes from the July 16<sup>th</sup> and July 23<sup>rd</sup> meetings. Seconded by Sopczak. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Public Comment (2 minutes/person)**

No comments were made.

**4. JPTC Resolution 2020-05 – A Resolution of the Joint Park Transition Commission of the Caledonia-Mount Pleasant Memorial Park Approving a Park Use Agreement for the Mount Pleasant Police Officers Association, Inc, for Use of the Caledonia-Mount Pleasant Memorial Park**

Helsel explained this agreement is standard and has been in contact with Mt. Pleasant Police Officer Ben Mieloszyk regarding the Mt. Pleasant Police Officer's Association's 2020 CCJC Auto/Cycle Show. Officer Mieloszyk was not present because he has been helping in Kenosha but is available by phone if there are any additional questions regarding this event. Chief Botsch foresaw no issues with this event and stated there would be appropriate staffing onsite.

Motion by Havn to approve JPTC Resolution 2020-05 – A Resolution of the Joint Park Transition Commission of the Caledonia-Mount Pleasant Memorial Park Approving a Park Use Agreement for the Mount Pleasant Police Officers Association, Inc, for Use of the Caledonia-Mount Pleasant Memorial Park but waive the rental fee of \$1,000 for use of the Park for the event. Seconded by Sopczak. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. JPTC Resolution 2020-06 – A Resolution of the Joint Park Transition Commission to Negotiate an Agreement Between the Village of Mount Pleasant and the Village of Caledonia for the Village of Caledonia to Assume Operations of the Caledonia-Mount Pleasant Memorial Park**

This Resolution will act as a recommendation to both Village Boards to vote on. Trustee Weatherston understood that Mt. Pleasant was not interested in running the park. Trustee Havn

was disappointed in Mt. Pleasant and felt it was a forlorn conclusion that was made with minimal input from this Commission. He is not in favor of this proposal and felt a Joint Commission with Caledonia being the fiscal agent is still the better option. Sopczak felt it was ultimately up to the Village Boards' to decide, and it was the Commission's responsibility to make recommendations.

Motion by Sopczak to approve JPTC Resolution 2020-06 – A Resolution of the Joint Park Transition Commission to Negotiate an Agreement Between the Village of Mount Pleasant and the Village of Caledonia for the Village of Caledonia to Assume Operations of the Caledonia-Mount Pleasant Memorial Park. Seconded by Trustee Weatherston. Motion carried, 2/1.

#### **6. Discuss Tavern League Schedule and Possible Amendment to the Park Use Agreement**

No one from the Tavern League was present for this topic. The Racine 16" Softball Tavern League Park Use Agreement was approved at the July 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting for games. Since the approval, the league was found to be selling alcohol at Joint Park games without the Commission's knowledge or approval. They have been instructed to cease selling, and have complied, but expressed wanting to continue the alcohol sales. This would not be plausible in the Joint Park but Gorney Park was offered as a substitution. Muise explained that she has attempted to reach Charlie Bostula of the tavern league and has emailed him these options but there has been no response. Bostula had previously requested an event to be held on September 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> and was prompted for further details which have not yet been provided. There is conflict with the requested dates because it is being held during the approved Food Truck Festival. There could be an issue with the area being too congested. Muise will relay to Bostula that the Joint Park is unavailable if she hears back from them.

#### **7. Discuss RASA Event Schedule and Possible Amendment to the Park Use Agreement**

Muise explained that Wayne Howard of RASA relayed that RASA's parent organization, the Soccer Association, has decided to cancel the upcoming tournament this weekend. RASA has requested to move the cancelled August dates to November. Howard did not have much information because he had just gotten word from the parent organization on Monday regarding the cancellation and request for November games. Muise wanted to bring this update to the Commission, so they were aware of the possible pending amendment to the agreement. Howard stated he would give information in 2 weeks for some possible date changes.

Justin Kohl with Lacrosse America was present and overviewed some of the events that have already been held. He stated that there will not be an event being held over Labor Day weekend. Kohl spoke of wanting to hold a smaller event on September 26<sup>th</sup>. This event would be held with smaller field games, and minimal teams (5 kids per team). This is less of a tournament and more a small family festival environment. Oktoberfest is being held that weekend by the Beer Garden and there would probably be a need for grass parking for that event. There are also RASA events being held that weekend as well. There was discussion regarding renting shelter 5 for parking. Wagner will work with Kohl and bring this back to the commission for formal approval. Kohl is interested in more long-term events and this will be discussed in the future after fee schedules have been set.

**8. Staff Report**

Muise recently visited the Joint Park and noticed there are many down limbs varying in size. The contracted mowers for Joint Park have been piling sticks, and limbs near the bases of these trees when mowing but at some point, the wood needs to be removed. Seasonal help is over for the summer and Wagner is working with Solberg to get something done. Muise felt they could contract this job out just to get it done. Havn agreed and wanted to take care of all the dead trees in the park. There was further discussion regarding the possibility of bringing in volunteers to help.

**9. Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joslyn Hoeffert  
Deputy Village Clerk