

January 14, 2020 Park Commission Minutes

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

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

1) Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M.

2) Public Comments – none

3) Approval of Minutes – \*\*Commissioner Arehart made a motion to approve the December 2019 minutes. Seconded by Vice-President Bednar. Motion carried unanimously.

4) Introduction of Tom Christensen, Village Administrator. Discussion on our relationship with his department. – N/A

5) Review estimates for surveys to have a surveyor locate property markers in the Nicholson Wildlife Preserve and to install permanent markers showing the boundaries. (Tom L.) Cost of markers and survey to be determined. - In recent past, disputes regarding hunting have brought forth a need to firmly establish the boundaries of the park. Many of the markers for the Nicholson Wildlife Refuge have disintegrated and the previous surveyor is retired. Therefore, the past survey is no longer valid as current surveyors will not use the work of others.

Tom Lazcano received a quote from Neilson Madsen & Barber for \$7,500.00, which was more than a recent quote he received of between \$4,000 - \$5,000. He said that he would continue to look for other quotes.

President Flynn wondered if it would be better to place signs within the known boundaries cautioning against ATVs, hunting, etc. while we wait for a survey? He also hoped to find a better quote for the survey, preferring one under \$1,000.00.

\*\* Commissioner Arehart made a motion to put up signs and continue to investigate survey costs. Seconded by Commissioner Kierzek. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Solberg will take care of the signs.

6) Nicholson Wildlife Preserve – Update on Leased land to Swans provided by Kathy Kasper. Discussion – Ref State Statute 27.11(8)© (Tom W.) – N/A (Tom Lazcano informed President Flynn that Ms. Kasper will meet with him in early February.)

7) Request from Mona Park Neighborhood to have Village Highway Dept. place property markers on easement and clear 3ft or better pathway to riverbank (Pathway currently exist but is overgrown with trees) after which the neighborhood will maintain property and access. – Tom Lazcano communicated with the Highway Department to look over the easement and to report back.

8) Discussion regarding Root River Access Points – Linwood Park and Nicholson/County Line Road, Next steps – Tom Lazcano stated that there needs to be a written summary so that all the quotes are for the same scope of work. He will then get quotes for the launches. There was a reminder that the deadline for DNR grants is in May and a resolution will need to go before the Village Board.

9) Reports:

\* Staff – Tom Lazcano informed the Commission that the parks reservations will now be done online. President Flynn would like pictures and videos of the pavilions that are for rent to be put online also.

\* Supervisor – It is the off-season for the parks. Supervisor Solberg has been working at the Joint Park painting and sanding.

\* Commission Members – none

10) Budget Report – Discussion regarding updates to commission – There was discussion regarding financials. President Flynn would like Balance Sheets issued to the Commission monthly rather than quarterly.

Commissioner Kierzek believes that seeing the Balance Sheets monthly will help the Commission to better understand and be more aware of the financial state of the parks. The Commission agreed.

11) Communication and Announcements – none

12) Adjournment – \*\* Commissioner Lambrecht made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Vice-President Bednar. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted By: Kathy Burton