

**Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting
January 11, 2021**

Committee: Caledonia Trustee Tom Weatherston, Caledonia Trustee Lee Wishau, Residents: Josh Sopcak, Mark Leskiewicz, Christian De Jong, Michael Lambrecht.

Absent: None.

Staff/Others: HR Director Toni Muise, Development Director Peter Wagner, President Jim Dobbs, Trustee Fran Martin, Trustee Dale Stillman, Parks Manager Randall Solberg (arrived late) and Ken Michel of the Franksville Beer Garden.

1. Call the meeting to order

Meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm by Weatherston

2. Approval of Minutes

JS move to approve, LW second. Voice vote carries

3. Public Comment (2 minutes/person)

No comments presented.

4. Maintenance Report Update

PW presents update of maintenance schedule.

Quotes are out to update tables, chairs and floors of Hall at Joint Park. Looking at epoxy floor for the hall, extra work will be done during the slow season.

LW met with PW and RS at Franksville Park and wanted to add some items to the maintenance list. Two trailers are onsite and RS is trying to determine a plan to remove with help from the "Old Timer's Club". The trailers were donated to the football team. The other trailer is slated to be liquified through auction. LW wants to make sure that the second trailer is not owned by a member of the community. RS says it is considered abandoned property. Ken Michel adds that Sonny Haven did reach out to the owner.

5. Parks Manager Position Discussion and Possible Recommendation

TW opens with statement about village board creating position for full time Parks Manager. It is possible that we keep the Joint Park and create a crown jewel in our park system. The position also covers sexton duty at Caledonia Memorial Cemetery. Other areas include Crawford Park expansion and building community relationships and leagues using the parks. Also updating reservation system for park resources.

LW provides input about history of Joint Park. Three part time employees used to be responsible for the park. LW is not in favor of hiring a full-time employee for a possible loss of facility to the county. Prior work with the parks system led to leagues being responsible for their own formation and providence. TW and CdJ speak to the benefit of the plan.

FM asks whether it is prudent to hire a full-time person when the future is unknown.

TM provides information about park usage being stronger than expected, FCBG and others are still planning on using the Joint Park.

JS questions how the labor this past year was covered.

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LW plans three additional part time employees during the summer months.

Discussion continues around the various roles of the position.

J. Dobbs met with J. Delagrave and states the county would be interested in seeing what Caledonia can do to improve the Joint Park for the County to take over. TW asks what he suggests we do this year and J. Dobbs stated we should not hire and village staff should cover the work until we know if the Joint Park will stay with Caledonia.

LW offers to help cover some of the extra work with getting service contracts and scheduling leagues.

FM seconds J. Dobbs idea of hiring a sexton to cover the duties at Memorial Park. Does not think it should be a village staff position.

LW brings up the fence line and asks PW to determine placement

LW moves to table this. No second.

LW asks permission to show the board his recommendations.

TW states whether a trustee should be taking duties of a village employee.

CdJ moves to table parks manager discussion and recommends finding a part-time sexton, JS seconds.

TM asks about when the next meeting is, informed it would be next month. JD suggests we don't wait a full month for the next meeting. 4-1 (Wishau votes against)

6. Review Parks Volunteer Program Flyer

LW provided a copy of the flyer for approval.

TW thanks LW for making the flyer.

CdJ moves to approve flyer, LW seconds. Voice vote carries.

7. Village Park Fee Schedule

PW and RS have been working on fee schedule. Second draft available in meeting packet.

RS discussed current draft and merits allowing uniform agreements with organizations.

JS asked about the size of rate increases, mentions last year some of the organizations were upset with the rate increases.

CdJ moves to recommend fee schedule to Board for review.

8. Trails Grant Update

LW in the midst of working on two state grant applications

Phase 1 - Crawford Park through to O. Brown. Engineering team would need to come up with some costs and recommendations.

9. New Business

No new business

10. Adjournment

JS moves to adjourn, Mark L. seconds. Motion carries. 6:47PM

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