

**Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting
July 12, 2021**

Committee: Caledonia Trustee Tom Weatherston, Caledonia Trustee Lee Wishau, Residents: Josh Sopczak, Mark Leskowitz, Michael Lambrecht, Andrew Kallenbach

Absent: Christian De Jong

Staff/Others: Development Director Peter Wagner, Ken Michel

1. Call the meeting to order

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Weatherston

2. Approval of Minutes

Lambrecht corrected the meeting start time to 5:30PM, then moved to approve, 2nd by Kallenbach

3. Public comment

10 members of the public were in attendance. Ron Beyer, Ron House and Jerry W and several others spoke in support of pickleball. Pictures of pickleball courts that the group has used were provided. Discussion of existing Village tennis courts and their lack of usage, can these be converted to pickleball courts? Wagner stated that the existing tennis courts may need to be resurfaced.

Ken Michel thanked the Village staff and committee for being very cooperative.

4. Maintenance report update

Pete Wagner discussed a summary of maintenance tasks completed. Joint Park & Linwood park playground equipment has been repaired/updated. On going maintenance of baseball/softball diamonds. New pickup truck has arrived and is in service. Seasonal worker Stephanie has ended her summer of work with parks.

5. Dog Park Proposal – Gorney Park

Wishau discussed a proposal to add a dog park at Gorey Park. Details of the proposal were distributed at the June meeting followed up in July with a power point presentation. Wagner stated that the estimate to fence the facility is approximately \$33k but this would need to be updated when detailed plans of the dog park are provided.

6. Park and Open Plan Recommendations

Wagner and staff would like the committee to return a list of priorities at the next meeting. Wagner would like the committee to lead this process. See table 4.4, page 82 of the plan. Wishau stated his priorities are a) biking/hiking trails b) dog park facility c) NWR storm sewer issue. Wishau asked Wagner to enter a place holder on the CIP list for engineering costs for the trails and dog park fencing/shelter, estimated costs to be provided at the next meeting.

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Sopczak suggested that the committee review and update the existing Crawford park “master plan” prior to making any decisions on further development of the park. The committee agreed that we need to eventually settle on a long term plan. No timetable has been set for completion.

6. 2022 Capital Projects

Wagner presented a 2022 budget Capital projects draft. Wagner asked the committee to review the draft and the long term proposals included in the 2035 Park and Open Space Plan. Add/delete as necessary for further discussion at the next meeting. Weatherston questioned why the Crawford park CIP was delayed to 2024. Wagner stated that it’s an estimated date and can be moved. Weatherston stated that the public safety building plans are nearing completion and if placed near the Village Hall could impact what we do with Crawford park.

7. New Business

Sopczak discussed the volunteer clean up of Chapla park potentially scheduled for this fall.

8. Adjournment

Wishau motioned to adjourn

2nd by Lambrecht

All agreed meeting adjourned