

**Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting
November 8, 2021**

Committee: Caledonia Trustee Tom Weatherston, Caledonia Trustee Lee Wishau, Residents: Josh Sopczak, Mark Leskowitz, Michael Lambrecht, Christain De Jong

Absent: Andrew Kallenbach

Staff/Others: Peter Wagner, Kathy Kasper, Ken Michel

1. Call the meeting to order

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

2. Approval of Minutes

Mike Lambrecht moved to approve the corrected minutes, 2nd by Josh Sopczak, motion carried unanimously

3. Public comment

None

4. Maintenance report update

Pete Wagner discussed a summary of maintenance tasks completed. All parks shelter rentals are complete for this season and are being closed for the winter. Gorney Park playground area is in the process of being prepped for an upgrade. Joint Park playground mulch was installed, stumps were ground and mulch spread. Linwood park playground & sand box installed, horseshoe pit removed. Crawford park pavilion painted. Gorney park toilet facility has been painted on the inside, playground equipment updated. A retired sheriff dept officer is in the process of being hired as a seasonal employee for the remainder of the season.

5. Park Programming/Events discussion

Kathy Kasper suggested that we consider expanding “beer garden” events at Crawford park. These events have been well received at the Joint Park. Kathy also suggested th at we considering waiving the “no dog policy” in order for park events to allow for dogs on leashes. Lee Wishau stated that he has attended a number of community music events each summer and most parks have allowed pets if leashed without issue. We would need to install “pet waste” stations. In order to cover some of the cost we might consider a donation box located in each park. Ken Michel discussed what might be possible with so called “pop up” beer garden events at Crawford.

6. Caledonia-Mount Pleasant Joint Park Ownership Transfer to Racine County

Pete Wagner was instructed by our attorney that in order for the ownership change to take place there needs to be an advisory motion to do so from the Parks committee then a similar approval from the Plan Commission. Lee Wishau motioned to approve the transfer, 2nd by Josh Sopczak. Motion carried 4-2. Opposed by Tom Weatherston and Mike Lambrecht.

7. 2022 Budget

Pete Wagner provided a summary of the proposed 2022 budget. Joint Park does not include a full time park at Gorney Park in anticipation of Racine County taking operational control of the park in 2022.

Tom Weatherston briefly discussed potential projects and asked the committee to keep in mind that whatever we do at Crawford park will need to include placement of the Public Safety building that could be located near the Village Hall. We need to develop a master plan for Crawford park. Joint Parks includes approximately \$130k of insurance settlement tentatively directed to repave the parking lot. Funds have been included to build a pickleball court. In Pete's opinion the court should be located within Crawford park.

8. Department Re-organization

Pete Wagner discussed a proposed Village re-organization. The re-organization would move Parks oversight to Tony Bunkleman & possibly report through the Highway Dept.

9. Adjournment

Mike Lambrecht moved to adjourn, 2nd by Mark Leskowicz. Motion carried unanimously @ 6:15PM.

Merry Christmas!