

**Special Village Board Meeting
January 21, 2021**

Board Present: President Dobbs, Trustee Stillman, Trustee Wanggaard, Trustee Prott, Trustee Martin, Trustee Wishau and Trustee Weatherston.

Absent None

Staff/Others: Village Administrator Tom Christensen, Finance Director Kathy Kasper, and Racine County Executive Jonathan Delagrave.

1. Call the meeting to order.

President Dobbs called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m., via ZOOM.

2. Park Discussion.

President Dobbs gave a brief overview of the parks in Caledonia, and the improvements that the Park and Recreation Advisory Commission are working on. The Village budgeted for a Parks Manager in the 2021, but discussed the necessity for that position if the County takes over the park. Last year it was suggested that the Joint Park be transferred to Racine County to run as opposed to Mt. Pleasant and Caledonia, but the Racine County Board tabled the proposal for further consideration in the future. As discussed in the past, both Mt. Pleasant and Caledonia would have to approve this transition.

Racine County Executive Jonathan Delagrave was present at the meeting and through his past and present positions has been heavily involved with the Racine County Parks System. Delgrave stated that the location and size of the park, as it sits in the middle of county, would be a good addition to the county park system and any lack of upkeep to the park is a reflection on the community. He felt the County would be able to help the park perform at a higher rate and ultimately get more use in the community. Delagrave is willing to bring this back to the Racine County Board for further consideration and discussion.

There is a Racine County Public Works and Park Commission meeting in February, where the Caledonia Board and staff may attend to discuss any foreseeable challenges. In the meantime, Delagrave requested that the Village work on an agreement to transfer to the Joint Park to Racine County. Delagrave will also be speaking to Mt. Pleasant regarding this potential agreement.

There was discussion regarding the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee providing a comprehensive list of repairs that have been done and are pending; they would then meet with a County team to further discuss what has been identified. The Joint Park has made a lot of progress since this was last discussed. The Village will be moving forward with the parking lot repairs, and continued maintenance. Any health and safety issues should be done prior to the potential transfer. Village staff stated that we should continue to be good stewards of the park regardless of who is taking over, there are funds available in the Joint Park that would be turned over to Racine county with the park itself if they were not spent prior.

3. Adjournment.

Motion by Trustee Wanggaard to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Stillman. Motion carried unanimously. Adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joslyn Hoeffert
Deputy Village Clerk