

**Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting
February 14, 2022**

Committee: Caledonia Trustee Tom Weatherston, Caledonia Trustee Lee Wishau, Residents: Mark Leskowitz, Michael Lambrecht, Christian De Jong, Andrew Kallenbach

Excused: Josh Sopczak

Staff/Others: Peter Wagner, Dale Stillman, Ryan Schmidt

1. Call the meeting to order

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Weatherston

2. Approval of Minutes

DeJong moved to approve the minutes, 2nd by Lambrecht motion carried unanimously

3. Public comment

None

4. Gorney Dog Park discussion

Wagner opened the discussion by pointing out that the southern portion of Gorney Park is not utilized, maintenance consists of lawn mowing only. Wagner included an article that discussed the growing demand for dog parks and what to expect from them. Dog licenses were reviewed to see where “registered” dogs are located in Caledonia. Wishau presented a preliminary drawing of the dog area boundaries, fencing needs, other potential amenities and referred to the presentation done in 2021. There are a growing number of communities that provide dog parks. Some dog parks charge a nominal fee. All dog parks include plastic bags and excrement collection stations. The survey done by the previous park committee listed dog parks as high on the list of requests. A rough estimate of fencing costs will need to be updated based on a more detailed plan.

5. Crawford Park Master Plan discussion

Wagner discussed the materials provided from the previous parks commission. The past Crawford park survey, master plan and a limited survey done by DeJong were discussed. The impact of the public safety proposed location will need to be considered. Known demand exists for pickleball courts. Once a prelim master plan is completed it will need to be presented to the board for consideration.

6. Request for Proposals – Crawford Park Master Plan

A potential RFP to assist in developing a Crawford Park master plan was discussed. Wagner discussed possible methods to solicit 3rd party assistance in developing a master plan. More information to be provided at the next meeting.

7. Adjournment

Wishau moved to adjourn, 2nd by DeJong. Motion carried unanimously @ 5:55 PM.