

Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting
April 14, 2022

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

Excused: Mark Leskiewicz

Staff/Others: Joslyn Hoefert, Tony Bunkleman, Aaron Schultz, Fran Martin, Tom Devorney, Ken Michel

1. Call the meeting to order

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

2. Approval of Minutes

Michael Lambrecht moved to approve the minutes, 2nd by Andrew Kallenbach motion carried unanimously

3. Public comment

Tom Devorney of 5329 Sunshine lane which is adjacent to Crawford Park. Tom discussed his request to plant a line of trees in the park as a “buffer” between Sunshine lane and the park. Tom’s concern is the traffic noise impact if the park is developed further.

4. Pop-Up Beer Garden discussion

Joslyn Hoefert the potential for “Dog Days Summer” festival August 12-13 @ Crawford park. No other dates are available in 2022. Class B alcohol licenses are maxed out therefore a qualified nonprofit organization would be needed. The current license held by Ken Michel is limited to use @ the former Joint Park.

5. RAISE Grant discussion

Tony Bunkleman reported that Dave Giordano of Root-Pike is moving forward with applying for a RAISE grant to assist in development of the proposed pedestrian trail adjacent to Klema ditch. This is a federal program. Tony reported that we expect to know by later this summer if we have been awarded grant funding.

6. Caledonia Youth Baseball League

Tony Bunkleman presented the updated 2022 Youth Baseball contract. Andrew Kallenbach recommended several changes. Motion by Josh Sopczak to approve the contract with amendments, seconded by Michael Lambrecht. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Gorney Dog Park

Lee Wishau presented an updated, detailed drawing of the dog park proposal. He has contacted several fencing vendors to obtain quotes on fencing per the diagram presented at the previous meeting. Further discussion planned for the next meeting.

8. Crawford Park Expansion plan

Tony Bunkleman stated that an RFP has been published for Crawford Park “Master Plan” assistance. More discussion to follow at the next meeting.

9. Adjournment

Josh Sopczak moved to adjourn, 2nd by Michael Lambrecht. Motion carried unanimously @ 6:15 PM.