
PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 5:00 PM
Caledonia Village Hall – 5043 Chester Lane

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval of Minutes** – Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee - January 9, 2024
- 3. Public Comment** – Provides a two-minute opportunity for citizens to voice opinions to the Park & Recreation Advisory Committee. The Committee cannot respond as this may conflict with open meeting requirements.
- 4. New Business**
 - a. Park and Open Space Plan – Review Proposed Timeline for Plan Update
 - b. Linwood Park – Discuss Repair of Existing Fence.
- 5. Old Business**
 - a. Park and Open Space Plan – Review of Bike/Trail Systems
 - b. Review and Discuss Non-motorized rentals for the Gorney Park Pond.
 - c. Review and Discuss Dog Park at Gorney Park.
- 6. Adjournment**

Only committee members are expected to attend. However, attendance by all Board members (including non-members of the committee) is permitted. If additional (non-committee) Board members attend, three or more Board members may be in attendance. Section 19.82(2), Wisconsin Statutes, states as follows:

If one-half or more of the members of a governmental body are present, the meeting is rebuttably presumed to be for the purposes of exercising the responsibilities, authority, power or duties delegated to or vested in the body.

To the extent that three or more members of the Caledonia Village Board actually attend, this meeting may be rebuttably presumed to be a “meeting” within the meaning of Wisconsin’s open meeting law. Nevertheless, only the committee’s agenda will be discussed. Only committee members will vote. Board members who attend the committee meeting do so for the purpose of gathering information and possible discussion regarding the agenda. No votes or other action will be taken by the Village Board at this meeting.

Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting
January 9, 2024

Committee: Trustee/Chairperson Holly McManus, Trustee Lambrecht

Resident Members: Eugene Pagel, Tom Dovorany.

Absent Members: Carl Garnetzke, Christian De Jong

Staff/Others: Ryan Schmidt, Tony Bunkelman, President Tom Weatherston, Trustee Martin, Trustee Stillman, Trustee Wishau, Larry Pedrazoli, Jeremy Holm, Zach Prideaux

1. Call the meeting to order

5:01pm meeting called to order by Chairperson Holly McManus.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the November 13, 2023. Motion Made by Eugene Pagel, seconded by Tom Dovorany. All aye.

3. Public comment –

Committee Applicant Larry Pedrazoli – 2463 5 Mile Road - introduced himself to the committee as the only applicant for the committee opening. Larry described who he was and his relationship to the community. He is looking forward to being part of the committee.

Tom Dovorany – restated his position and the neighborhood's position on the access to sunshine lane from Crawford Park. He believes this should be addressed and the Master Plan amended.

4. Review Park Use Agreement for Crawford Park for Angels Youth Softball Association.

Jeremy Holm with Angels Youth Softball Association introduced himself and his proposal for a youth softball organization here in Caledonia. His organization started in Caledonia, moved to Sturtevant, and is now looking to fill the void left in the youth recreational leagues at Crawford Park. Jeremy described the goal of having one travel league, 2 recreation youth leagues, and a pintos league. He hopes to have a successful relationship with Caledonia, possibly adding additional teams if needed and looking at youth recreational baseball in the future.

Zach Prideaux, coach of the Varsity St. Catherines Fastpitch Softball Team, supported the request to add youth fastpitch. He has had a great working relationship with Village Staff and that the facilities are significantly better than their previous location. He stated that the players, parents, and coaching staff are excited to play here.

Village Engineer Ryan Schmidt added that the draft agreement before the committee mirrored similar items as past leagues. This league was going to utilize the Village Park Staff to prepare the fields as they are for the Varsity Fastpitch. Ryan stated that the leagues will overlap slightly but have Crawford Park in use from March to August. He described that there was a deposit required and a league fee for the 4 total leagues. Staff recommended to the committee for approval of the Park Use Agreement and that it be moved to the Village Board.

Eugene Pagel motioned to approve and recommend to the Village Board the Park Use Agreement for Angels Youth Softball Association. Seconded by Trustee Michael Lambrecht. All aye.

5. Park and Open Space Plan – Review of Bike/Trail Systems

Ryan introduced the topic as a carryover item recommended by Christian De Jong (absent) to finish the committees review of the Park and Open Space Plan. Ryan presented the plan's two graphics showing existing trails and proposed trails. Discussion ensued amongst board members, staff, and the committee about funding opportunities available like the Stewardship Grant and others. Trustee Wishau described his work with grant acquisition for the Klema Ditch portion of the trail in coordination with Root-Pike-Win. Ryan briefly discussed goals to add on-street trails over time but recommended this discussion be continued next meeting to include additional committee members.

Motion to carryover item to next meeting made by Eugene Pagel. Seconded by Tom Dovorany. All aye.

6. Review and Discuss non-motorized rentals for the Gorney Park Pond

Ryan introduced the topic as another carryover item from Gorney Park discussion in November. He introduced a company called RentFun that has contacted the Village and was interested in a rental kayak system. Ryan displayed the website and accompanying paperwork that the company utilized to show their system. It would function like the scooters in Milwaukee where it was rented via the phone and paid for on the app. This would have a rate per hour. The information was very new and required further research. Lake Winnebago had 2 communities with this system as well as 2 other locations in Wisconsin. There is a proposed revenue sharing which Ryan described as requiring further ordinance modification and staff review to determine an appropriate course of action, if desired. Trustee McManus and Trustee Lambrecht both mentioned that this seemed like a positive addition and was a unique opportunity for the Village. The committee agreed. Resident Jeremy Holm added the dock is tough to launch from and would need assistance, but that the concept would be great as he taught his daughter at this pond.

Motion made to have staff further investigate and bring back the item to the next committee meeting by Eugene Pagel. Seconded by Tom Dovorany. All aye.

7. Review and Discuss Dog Park at Gorney Park

Carryover item from November meeting. Ryan described there is no new information as the demolition of the storage building on-site is still in progress. Trustee Martin added that a dog park has already been denied at the Village Board and procedurally, should be reviewed before any further recommendations are made. Trustee McManus agreed that staff should keep the committee apprised of the progress on the building. Staff recommended to carryover the item to the next meeting as more information develops.

Motion made to carryover the item to the next meeting by Trustee Lambrecht. Seconded by Eugene Pagel. All aye.

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8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Eugene Pagel. Seconded by Trustee McManus. Committee Meeting adjourned at 5:42pm.

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 8, 2024

To: Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

From: Ryan Schmidt, P.E.
Village Engineer 

Re: **Park and Open Space Plan Proposed Timeline**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Village is working with SEWRPC to update the Park and Open Space Plan. Staff from SEWRPC will be present to discuss the overall process such as goals, differences in the old and new plan format, public involvement, and more. The below timeline will be presented to the committee for discussion.

Project Timeline

Tentative Timeframe	Activity
2/2024 – 5/2024	Data collection, inventory, and plan development
2/2024 – 6/2024	Public input
6/2024 – 9/2024	Draft chapters completed and reviewed by Parks Committee
11/2024	Completed draft to Village staff
11/2024	Public open house and feedback
12/2024	Completed draft to Parks Committee for approval
1/2025	Public hearing and Plan Commission review for recommendation
1/2025 – 2/2025	Village Board review and plan adoption

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 8, 2024

To: Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

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Re: **Linwood Park Fence**



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Village and the Historical Society own and maintain a split rail fence along Linwood Park. The Fence has deteriorated over time and continues to fail in different locations. There is approximately 1,000 feet of fence that is in poor shape. Staff have sought quotes for an alternative to fencing for the Village owned section along 5 Mile Road and Linwood Park, which would include trees and larger perennial shrubs to act in the same function as the fence. These quotes have ranged from \$8,000 -\$12,000.

Staff recommends that a plan is made in coordination with the Historical Society to improve this area with either a new fence, new landscaping, or combination of the two.





Fw: Historical Soc. fence.

Randall Solberg <RSolberg@caledonia-wi.gov>

Fri 2/2/2024 8:50 AM

To: Ryan Schmidt <RSchmidt@caledonia-wi.gov>

Please ad to next park meeting and let's review again replacing the fence along the road. Thanks

From: David Biehl <harmosichi@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 3:42 PM

To: Randall Solberg <RSolberg@caledonia-wi.gov>; Linda Graeper <llgraeper@sbcglobal.net>

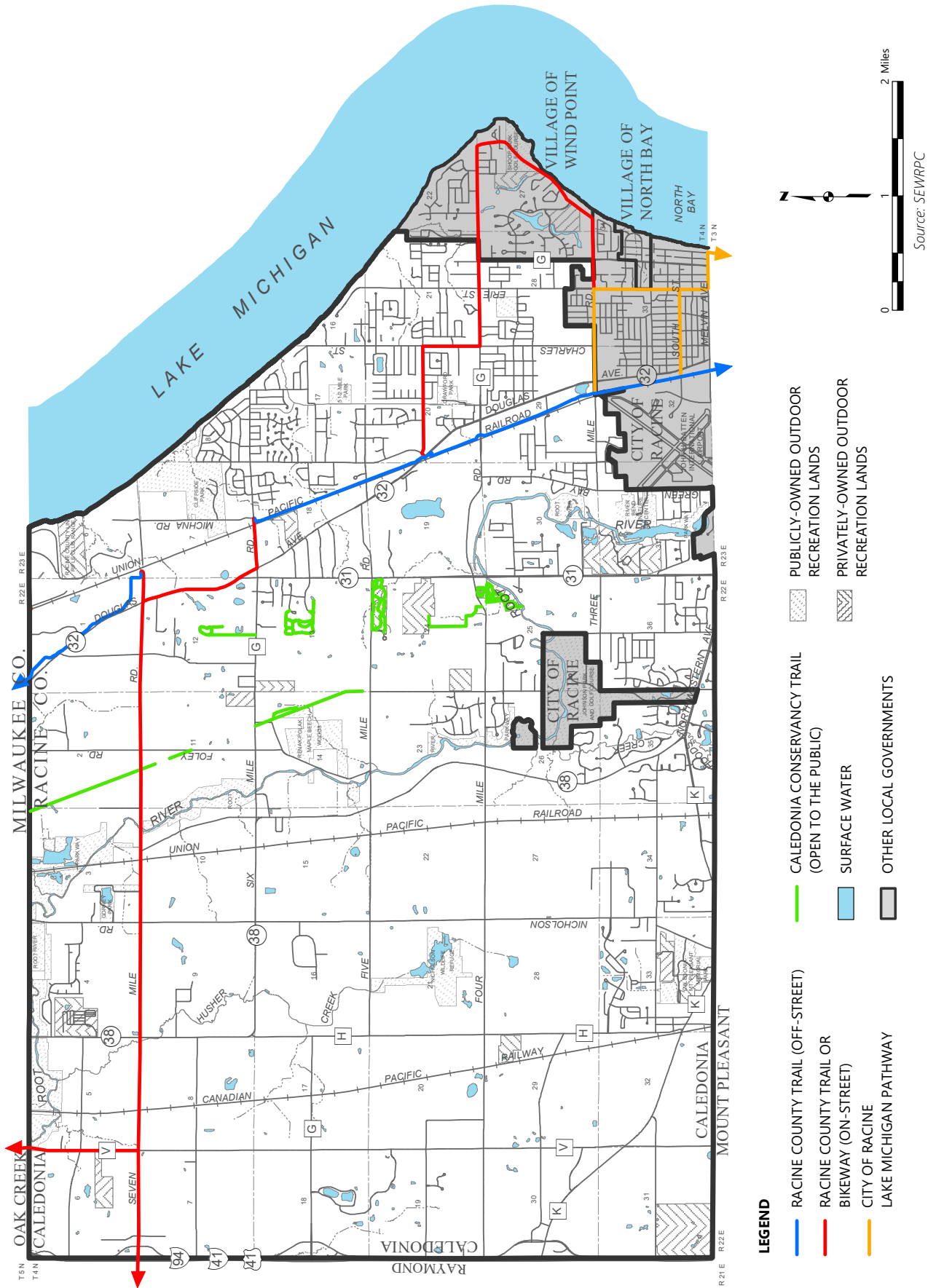
Subject: Historical Soc. fence.

We are at the end of the current fence life for Linwood park. We are considering planting bushes (native) behind the current fence at the circled section. When they have grown enough, we would take down that small section of split rail. We just wanted to be sure there were no plans to replace the fence before we started this project.



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Map 2.6
Existing Public Trails and Bikeways in The Village of Caledonia and Environs: 2016



Map 4.3
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities for the Village of Caledonia and Environs: 2035

