

**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 and 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 Angles 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.

**8. Adjournment**

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