

**Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting
February 13, 2024**

1 – Order

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

PRESENT: 5 – Trustee/Chairperson Holly McManus, Trustee Lambrecht, Carl Garnetzke, Christian De Jong, Larry Pedrazoli

EXCUSED: 2 – Eugene Pagel, Tom Dovorany.

STAFF/OTHER: Ryan Schmidt, Todd Roehl, Peter Wagner, Tony Bunkelman, Kathy Kasper, President Tom Weatherston Trustee Stillman, Bryan Walter (SEWRPC) and Rochelle Brien (SEWRPC).

2 – Approval of Minutes January 9, 2024

Motion made by Michael Lambrecht to layover the approval of the minutes until the March Meeting. Second by Carl Garnetzke. All aye.

3. Public comment –

The following people appeared to speak before the Committee:

None

4 – New Business

A. Park and Open Space Plan – Review Proposed Timeline for Plan Update.

Bryan Walter and Rochelle Brien with SEWRPC presented to the Committee about the timing and general information for the update to the Park and Open Space Plan. The plan would take about 1 year to complete and include public input, committee interaction and cooperation, surveys, and more. The Committee asked questions about types of public engagement, notices, and budget which created discussion between SEWRPC, Staff and the Committee. Staff described the process being similar to the Crawford Master Plan and that completing this update assists with grants. No motions made or required.

B. Linwood Park – Discuss Repair of Existing Fence

Staff presented their findings on the condition of the existing split rail fence at Linwood Park and the Historical Society. A request has come in from the Historical Society to remove the fence in certain areas and replace it with shrubs. Staff presented alternatives to replacing the fence and approximate costs associated with them, including trees and perennials in lieu of fencing. Discussion ensued amongst the Committee. The Committee directed Staff to further investigate the costs associated with the project and determine the Historical Society's involvement. This could then be brought back to the Committee for review and recommendation.

5 – Continuing Business

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

Staff presented this carry-over item's information and maps included with the POSP from the previous meeting. Staff described the efforts being made to get some of the goals achieved for on-street paths during road resurfacing projects. The Committee asked about the acquisition of land to continue the MRK trail along the tracks. Staff described the difficulties of acquiring land either on private property or with the Union Pacific Railroad. No further discussion ensued and no motion made.

B. 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 and January. Staff was able to communicate with the company and other communities that have used the proposed kayak rental system through Rent.Fun. It was determined that the system is not the issue but the upfront cost as proposed of \$19,000. There is a 5 year contract and a 50% cost share and staff did not believe the "ridership" would not create a net positive for the Village. Staff recommended that we do not further pursue this option unless grant funding became available. The Committee agreed. No motion made.

C. Review and Discuss Dog Park at Gorney Park

Carryover item from November and January meeting. Staff described that no progress has yet been made for the building and that there are further concerns about lead in the ground from the former shooting range. Staff recommended this item is not carried over and is presented back to the Committee when more details are acquired. No motion made.

6 – Adjournment

Chairperson Holly McManus adjourned the meeting at 5:41pm with no more items on the agenda.