

**Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting
May 14, 2024**

1 – Order

5:00 pm meeting called to order by Trustee Lambrecht.

PRESENT: 5 – Trustee Lambrecht, Christian De Jong, Larry Pedrazoli, Eugene Pagel, Tom Dovorany

EXCUSED: 1 – Chairperson/Trustee Holly McManus

ABSENT: 1 – Carl Garnetzke

STAFF/OTHER: Village Engineer Ryan Schmidt, President Tom Weatherston, Police Chief Christopher Botsch.

2 – Approval of Minutes from April 9, 2024

Motion made to approve the April minutes by Eugene Pagel, Seconded by Larry Pedrazoli. All Aye.

3. Public comment –

The following people appeared to speak before the Committee:

None

4 – New Business

A. Discuss and Review Proposed Special Events for Crawford Park

Staff presented two special event applications for information purposes to the Committee. One was a charity whiffleball event utilizing the diamonds at Crawford Park on Saturday May 18 and another was a bike race utilizing the Crawford Park Parking Lot as a “pit stop” on June 22nd. No objections to the events were provided and no motion was needed.

B. Discussion on Uniform Bench for Park System

Staff presented information on multiple vendors who provide site furnishings for parks after the April meeting it was recommended to visit the concept for donations of benches in more detail. Different styles of benches were presented with samples of the metals and recycled plastic materials each manufacturer uses. Staff recommended that based on price and the local build of a manufacturer in Waunakee, Thomas Steele’s Langdon Bench with Mahogany was the best choice to move forward with. Committee discussion ensued and ultimately agreed with Staff’s Choice. No motion was made but Staff determined it will continue with the process and update the Committee accordingly.

5 – Continuing Business

A. Crawford Park Mass Grading – Project Update

Staff presented a project update including the low bid contract was awarded to Willkomm Excavating and Grading. Staff presented opportunity to acquire additional fill from the Contractor to build the sledding hill at the same time for no additional cost. Discussion ensued about the project which includes a portion of the pedestrian trail. Committee determined it would be a good idea to have conversation next meeting about the next steps in the Crawford Park Master Plan. No motion made or required.

B. Linwood Park – Discuss Repair of Existing Fence

Staff presented that the fence has now been removed due to its poor condition. Staff recommended that we remain in a holding pattern and observe the park without a fence. The committee discussed this idea and determined that this would be the best in the interim. No motion made or required.

C. Discussion of Donation Items for Parks Department

Staff recommended postponing again until Trustee McManus could attend. Eugene motioned to postpone to the June Meeting. Seconded by Larry. All Aye.

D. Discussion on Park Volunteer Opportunities.

Staff presented we have received one application for additional information on the volunteer program and that a church group has requested to help clean up Gorney Park since the last meeting. Staff also determined with its Park Staff that the only opportunities at this time for volunteers is to clean up the parks, outside of any sort of Scouts Projects or similar type volunteer effort. Christian made a motion to retire the current volunteer program and take on future volunteer work on a case-by-case basis. Seconded by Tom Dovorany. All Aye.

6 – Adjournment

Trustee Lambrecht adjourned the meeting at 5:38pm with no more items on the agenda.