

**Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting  
September 10, 2024**

**Order**

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

**PRESENT:** 4 – Trustee McManus, Trustee Lambrecht, Eugene Pagel, Larry Pedrazoli,

**ABSENT:** 3 - Carl Garnetzke, Christian De Jong, Tom Dovorany (excused).

**STAFF/OTHER:** Village Engineer Ryan Schmidt, Zoning Coordinator Todd Roehl, Brian Walter (SEWRPC), Kendall Johnson (SEWRPC)

**1 – Approval of Minutes from May, 14, 2024, June 11, 2024, and July 9, 2024**

Motion to approve the Minutes from May 14, 2024 made by Michael Lambrecht. Seconded by Eugene Pagel. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the Minutes from June 11, 2024 made by Eugene Pagel. Seconded by Holly McManus. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the Minutes from July 9, 2024 made by Larry Pedrazoli. Seconded by Michael Lambrecht. Motion carried unanimously.

**2. Public comment –**

The following people appeared to speak before the Committee:

***Kirk Buchaklian – 5421 Sunshine Lane:***

*Kirk expressed concerns regarding access onto Sunshine Lane with the Crawford Park Project. Strongly opposed to any access onto Sunshine Lane and that there are too many amenities proposed at the park. Asked if they could be distributed to other parks. Also asked what other recreation programs exist and what does the supervisor do.*

***John Jens – 5415 Sunshine Lane:***

*John expressed the same concerns as Kirk. Would prefer the access go onto Heidi Lane. Wants no parking on Sunshine to avoid future users from parking near the park.*

**3 – New Business**

**A. Review and discuss the first 2 chapters of the Updated Park and Open Space Plan.**

Motion made by Pagel to take this item out of order and revisit after Item 4a. Seconded by Larry Pedrazoli. All aye.

Now as the last item on the agenda, SEWRPC staff Brian Walter and Kendall Johnson made a small presentation summarizing the first two chapters of the updated Park and Open Space Plan. General discussion occurred by the committee and SEWRPC supporting the POSP as a framework for future development of Village Parks. The next 2 chapters would be available for the November 12 meeting. No motion required.

**B. Discuss the naming of the newly acquired Public Park at 5 Mile Road and Waters Edge Drive.**

Staff presented the location of the new passive park located at 5 Mile Road and Waters Edge which was discussed at a July meeting in 2023. The park primarily includes a ravine and a small pedestrian trail and was created with the new subdivision “The Glen at Waters Edge”. The Committee discussed the idea of naming rights as well as possible donations to be used for the park system. It was also discussed to look at long term municipal employees or veterans with connections to Caledonia. Staff recommended taking the item to the Committee of the Whole for further consideration and how to proceed if media is to be involved. Staff recommended a name is determined before 2025 so it can be added to the final Park and Open Space Plan. The committee was directed to also come up with alternatives for the Park name by the next Parks meeting in October. No motion made.

**C. Review and Discuss Tree and Bench Donation Form**

Staff handed out sample forms from other communities that showed tree donations and bench donations. Staff discussed needing direction on the level of detail the committee would like to see with their forms such as visual aids for tree types and more. The Committee provided direction to Staff on a simple form but one that included graphics if possible. Staff also mentioned that an Eagle Scout project that was done approximately 10 years ago which included ash trees is going to replace them next year with disease resistant trees. No motion required.

**4 – Continuing Business**

**A. Crawford Park Mass Grading – Project Update**

Staff presented a project update for the Committee. The project has been underway for over two weeks and all the topsoil has been stripped. Two ponds have been dug out and crews were working on the third. Crews have been moving clay around the job site and the berms have been removed completely. General discussion occurred. No motion required.

**5 – Adjournment**

Trustee McManus adjourned the meeting at 5:56pm with no more items on the agenda.