

**Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting  
October 8, 2024**

**Order**

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

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

**ABSENT:** 2 - Carl Garnetzke, Christian De Jong (excused)

**STAFF/OTHER:** Village Engineer Ryan Schmidt, Development Director Pete Wagner

**1 – Approval of Minutes from September 10, 2024**

Motion to approve the Minutes from September 10, 2024 made by Eugene Pagel. Seconded by Michael Lambrecht. Motion carried unanimously.

**2. Public comment –**

The following people appeared to speak before the Committee:

***Aldona Matalonis – 700 Waters Edge #10***

*Aldona expressed concerns about the “Park” at 5 Mile and Erie. She did not believe it to be adequate sized and that they used to have access along the ravine. She also had concerns about the dead trees and if the Village could remove them now that we own it.*

**3 – New Business**

**A. Review and discuss the Park and Open Space Plan comments from past meetings in preparation for November Meeting.**

Staff presented the copy of the current POSP chapter 4 tables with proposed amenities. Staff also described what was considered removed from the last year’s meetings regarding each park and what may or may not be a recommended feature for the park moving forward. Staff provided this as homework to the committee to bring back prior to the future November meeting so that SEWRPC and the Committee can have a good conversation. Minor discussion occurred. No motion required.

**4 – Continuing Business**

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

Staff presented a project update for the Committee. Staff showed drone photography of the park project. All ponds are installed, sledding hills nearly completed and storm sewer in progress. No motion required.

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

Motion made by Pagel to take this item out of order ahead of 3a to address the public comment. Seconded by Lambrecht. All aye.

Staff briefly described the park and its limited ability to provide any other amenities due to the slopes and wetland delineation. Trees that have been dead in the ravine are not a result of the project and are naturally there as part of the natural resource. Staff then redirected back onto the Naming. After Committee of the Whole discussion, it was recommended that a name be selected by November's meeting via natural feature or potential individual. The committee is to return with their recommendation by November's meeting.

## **5 – Adjournment**

Trustee McManus adjourned the meeting at 5:27pm with no more items on the agenda and a Special Village Board meeting at 5:30pm.