

**Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting
January 14, 2025**

1 - Order

Meeting called to order by Trustee McManus at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: 5 – Trustee McManus, Trustee Lambrecht, Eugene Pagel, Larry Pedrazoli, Tom Dovorany

ABSENT: 1 – Christian De Jong (unexcused)

STAFF/OTHER: Village Engineer Ryan Schmidt, Development Director Pete Wagner, Trustee Dale Stillman, Village President Tom Weatherston, Brian Walter (SEWRPC), Kendall Johnson (SEWRPC)

2 – Approval of Minutes from November 12, 2024

Motion to approve the Minutes from November 12, 2024 made by Eugene Pagel. Seconded by Larry Pedrazoli. Motion carried unanimously.

3 - Public comment –

The following people appeared to speak before the Committee:
None

4 – New Business

A. Discuss Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Member Position

Trustee McManus updated the group as to the recent passing of member Carl Garnetzke and that the parks position is now open for applications. No motion required.

B. Review and Discuss Oak Creek Zone Baseball Park Use Agreement – Gorney Park

Staff presented a memorandum and draft Park Use Agreement for the east diamond at Gorney Park by Oak Creek Zone Baseball. Applicant could not make it and staff presented that the team is actually made up of 11/12 players being from the greater Racine area – 3 from Caledonia specifically. Minor discussion amongst the committee and staff recommended approval.

Motion was made by Trustee Lambrecht to recommend to the Village Board to approve the Park Use Agreement for Oak Creek Zone Baseball for the use of the East Diamond at Gorney Park in 2025. Seconded by Eugene Pagel. All aye.

C. Review and Discuss St. Catherines High School Park Use Agreement – Crawford Park

Staff presented a memorandum and draft Park Use Agreement for the Crawford Park's ball diamonds by St. Catherine's High School. Applicant could not make it and staff presented that this was the return of a successful program run at Crawford in 2024 and that most information is the same as last year. Minor discussion amongst the committee and staff recommended approval.

Motion was made by Trustee Lambrecht to recommend to the Village Board to approve the Park Use Agreement for St. Catherine's High School Softball for the use of Crawford Park's LCpl Daniel R. Wyatt Ballpark. Seconded by Eugene Pagel. All aye.

D. Review and Discuss the Park and Open Space Plan Chapter 5

Brian Walter with SEWRPC presented the Chapter 5 slide show presentation to the committee summarizing the previous meetings discussion and the information provided in the draft chapter 5. Development Director Wagner added the anticipated timeline for the committee and further explained the functionality of the POSP. No motion required.

E. Review and Discuss Crawford Park Phase III

Staff provided an update to the design features and progress of the Phase III project which includes the access road, parking lot, and pickleball courts. Minor discussion occurred amongst the committee regarding lighting, pickleball, fencing, and more. No motion required.

5 – Continuing Business

A. Crawford Park Mass Grading – Project Update

Staff presented a very brief update. Project was rained out in 2024 and needs asphalt paving and restoration. Will be completed in 2025 spring/summer. No motion is required and no longer will be placed on future agenda.

B. Review and Discuss Condition of Public Park at 5 Mile Road and Waters Edge Drive.

Staff updated the committee on the residential concern regarding trees in the new Waters Edge Park. No trees on the Village's property were determined to be a hazard to public safety or a drainage concern and are part of the natural ecosystem. Staff will address trees on their property when safety or drainage becomes a concern. No motion required.

C. Review and Discuss Park Advertising – Crawford Park Outfield Signs.

Staff presented the committee with the advertising program that started in 2018 and was postponed during 2020 when COVID hit. Staff provided a draft form that was used in the past and updated the committee of plans to bring the program back in 2025. Minor discussion amongst the committee. No motion required.

D. Review and Discuss Park Signage.

Staff updated the committee about a damaged park sign at Maple Park. The Parks Department will repair the sign as required with updated logos as designated by the Village Board. All Park Signs have old logos that do not meet the new requirement and will eventually need updating. Staff presented this as an opportunity for the committee in the future to provide uniform updated signage. Minor discussion amongst the committee members about types of signs. No motion required.

6 – Adjournment

Trustee McManus adjourned the meeting at 5:54pm with no more items on the agenda.