

**Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting
February 11, 2025**

1 - Order

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

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

ABSENT: 1 –Larry Pedrazoli (unexcused)

STAFF/OTHER: Village Engineer Ryan Schmidt, Development Director Pete Wagner, Village President Tom Weatherston, Brian Walter (SEWRPC), Khristine Heuser (Root Pike WIN)

2 – Approval of Minutes from January 14, 2025

Motion to approve the Minutes from January 14th, 2025, made by Eugene Pagel. Seconded by Michael Lambrecht. Motion carried unanimously.

3 - Public comment –

The following people appeared to speak before the Committee:
None

4 – New Business

A. A Park and Open Space Plan for the Village of Caledonia 2050: Review and consider a recommendation to approve the updated Park and Open Space Plan.

Bryan Walter with SEWRPC presented a slide show summarizing the efforts made by the Village, SEWRPC, and the Parks Committee on the Final Draft of the 2050 Park and Open Space Plan. Minor discussion occurred amongst the committee after the presentation.

Motion was made by Christian De Jong to recommend to the Village Board to approve the 2050 Park and Open Space Plan. Seconded by Eugene Pagel. All aye.

B. Review and Discuss Chapla Park Prairie Conversion

Khristine Heuser with Root Pike Win discussed an opportunity to provide the Village an area within Chapla Park to be converted into Prairie. The area was described as the northern strip of Chapla Park without impacting the area directly abutting the Lake and scenic views. Discussion amongst staff and the committee occurred. No costs were proposed to the Village for the first 3 years.

Motion was made by Christian De Jong to recommend to the Committee of the Whole to to authorize the prairie conversion at Chapla Park as proposed by Root Pike Win. Seconded by Eugene Pagel. All aye.

5 – Continuing Business

A. Review and Discuss Crawford Park Phase III

Staff presented a 3D rendering of the proposed improvements. Discussion amongst the committee about the rendering and the proposed project limits. No motion required.

6 – Adjournment

Trustee McManus adjourned the meeting at 5:52pm with no more items on the agenda.