

**Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting  
April 8, 2025**

**1 - Order**

Meeting called to order by Trustee McManus at 5:01 p.m.

**PRESENT:** 5 – Trustee McManus, Trustee Lambrecht, Eugene Pagel, Christian De Jong, Tom, Ian Dart

**ABSENT:** 1 –Larry Pedrazoli (unexcused) 1 – Tom Dovorony (Unexcused)

**STAFF/OTHER:** Village Engineer Ryan Schmidt, Trustee Dale Stillman, Trustee Fran Martin, Trustee Nancy Pierce

**2 – Approval of Minutes from March 11, 2025**

Motion to approve the Minutes from March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, made by Eugene Pagel. Seconded by Michael Lambrecht. Motion carried unanimously.

**3 - Public comment –**

The following people appeared to speak before the Committee:

Pat Roeder – 8910 7 Mile Road (on behalf of brother) – Pat spoke against the concept of bringing the dog park back at Gorney after it had been considered “dead”. Is still not in favor of this original location against her families farm/property.

Dale Stillman – on behalf of Bob Grove @ 8024 Nicholson Road - They are not in favor of Dog Park that was also believed to be denied.

**4 – New Business**

**A. Review and Discuss Crawford Park Expansion Phase III Bid Results**

Staff presented the bid tab from the project that was awarded by the Village Board and explained the line items and how it fit within the Capital Improvement Budget. Discussion amongst the committee about specific line items occurred and staff elaborated how it fits within the project scope. The Committee recommended that Staff look into lighting for the new phase as well as the ability to provide security cameras to the area.

No Motion Required.

**B. Review and Discuss Future Crawford Park Phasing**

Staff presented the Crawford Park Master Plan and where each phase has been located to date. Staff then presented some of the remaining options available for the committee to investigate, including the expanded parking lot, splash pad, and playground equipment. Discussion amongst the committee occurred on these items and potential costs. The discussion was lengthy and will require additional meetings to go over. Staff recommended that we continue the conversation next month and that the goal is to have a recommendation to the Village Board before budget season this summer.

No motion was made.

**C. Review Gorney Park Site Plan from the late 1990's.**

Staff presented the site plan for Gorney Park from the late 90's. Staff described this as a plan that could function like a Master Plan for the Park. Short discussion on the layout occurred amongst the committee. No motion required.

**5 – Continuing Business**

**A. Review and Discuss Gorney Park Dog Park History.**

Staff presented Village Ordinance and Robert's Rules regarding the action to bring back an item that has failed. Staff told the committee that the opportunity at the Board level to bring it back has since passed and that a project would need to be different in order for it to be considered at the Board level again. Staff reiterated that a Disc Golf Course has been discussed in the past at this location and could be done in conjunction with Root-Pike-Win to naturalize and create a prairie at Gorney Park.

The Committee directed staff to investigate the demolition of the old building located at the northern end of Gorney Park and if that site, formerly the shooting range for the Police Department, could be retrofit to act as a Dog Park.

No Motion Made.

**6 – Adjournment**

Trustee McManus adjourned the meeting at 5:55pm with no more items on the agenda.