
PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
Caledonia Village Hall - 5043 Chester Lane
Caledonia, WI 53402

1. **Meeting called to order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee – May 13, 2025
4. **Public Comment** – Provides a two-minute opportunity for citizens to voice opinions to the Park & Recreation Advisory Committee. The Committee cannot respond as this may conflict with open meeting requirements.
5. **New Business**
 - A. Review and Discuss Crawford Park Phase IV.
6. **Continuing Business**
 - A. Review and Discuss Possible Disc Golf Opportunity for Gorney Park
 - B. Crawford Park Expansion Phase III – Project Update
 - C. Crawford Park Mass Grading Phase II – Project Update
7. **Adjournment**

**Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting
May 13, 2025**

1 - Order

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

2 – Roll Call

PRESENT: 7 – Trustee McManus, Trustee Lambrecht, Eugene Pagel, Christian De Jong, Tom, Ian Dart, Larry Pedrazoli, Tom Dovorany

ABSENT: None.

STAFF/OTHER: Village Engineer Ryan Schmidt

3 – Approval of Minutes from April 8th, 2025

Motion to approve the Minutes from April 8th, 2025, made by Eugene Pagel. Seconded by Michael Lambrecht. Motion carried unanimously.

4 - Public comment –

The following people appeared to speak before the Committee: None.

5 – New Business

A. Review and Discuss Solar Lighting Opportunity for Crawford Park

Staff presented a memorandum on the research into solar lighting and included exhibits from a manufacturer that has worked in the area recently. Discussion occurred amongst the committee members and staff about alternatives via We Energies and lighting for pickle ball. Staff ultimately recommended a pilot project utilizing the two poles in the future parking lot.

Motion made by Christian De Jong to recommend to the Committee of the Whole to purchase and install 2 solar powered light poles for the parking lot in Phase 3 of Crawford Park Expansion. Second, by Eugene Pagel. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Review and Discuss Security for Future Crawford Park Expansion

Staff presented information on adding a security camera on the existing public safety building to provide coverage on the future parking lot and the estimated cost of \$7,000. Discussion occurred amongst the committee about distance, quality, and overall security planning for Crawford Park. Staff recommended that this topic could be revisited when the expansion project is further along and get more clarity about camera quality and cost.

Motion made by Eugene Pagel to bring the item back at the August Parks Meeting. Second by Larry Pedrazoli. All Aye.

C. Review and Discuss Gorney Park Northern Enclosure for Dog Park Opportunity

Staff presented a memorandum regarding the existing enclosure on Gorney Park that contains a Village Owned building and its potential for a Dog Park. Staff provided first hand account site visit, issues with the site and possible costs concerns regarding the development and improvement to accommodate a dog park. Discussion occurred amongst the committee about viability, demolition of the building, and the future of the Yard Waste Site. Ultimately, staff recommended the Dog Park not be pursued at this time.

Motion made by Christian De Jong to Receive and File the Village Engineer's Report dated April 24, 2025 on the Dog Park in the Northern Enclosure at Gorney Park. Second by Eugen Pagel. All aye.

D. Review and Discuss Possible Disc Golf Opportunity for Gorney Park

Staff presented a memorandum on the concept of Disc Golf at Gorney Park. Time was running out on the meeting and Staff briefly covered the concept and recommended that this be revisited when more time was allowed to go into more detail.

Motion made by Eugen Pagel to carry over the item at the June Parks Meeting. Second by Tom Dovorany. All Aye.

6 – Continuing Business

A. Crawford Park Expansion Phase III – Project Update

Staff presented the updated schedule for Phase 3 which includes starting work as early as May 14, 2025 and having Pickleball Courts ready by Labor Day. Staff also mentioned that Phase 4 would need to be discussed further in advance of budget meetings and that the Committee should begin thinking about what they would like to recommend.

No Motion required.

B. Crawford Park Mass Grading Phase II – Project Update

Staff presented the updated schedule for the completion of the mass grading phase of the project. Crews were completing grading and stabilization work of the site the was not completed in the late Fall due to weather. Crews expect to complete the paving the week of May 19, 2025.

No Motion Required.

7 – Adjournment

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

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 6, 2025

To: Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

From: Ryan Schmidt, P.E.
Village Engineer



Re: **Disc Golf – Gorney Park**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Parks Committee has discussed the concept of utilizing lower Gorney Park off of 7 Mile Road for a variety of items. It was initially approved and used for soccer since the yard waste site was removed back in the late 1990's. Soccer was rarely played in this location and the previous proposal of a dog park did not pass.

The newly approved Park and Open Space Plan 2050 the Committee worked on includes the development of a disc golf course at Gorney Park in the proposed 2031-2050 Facility Developments and Improvements. In addition, the 2025-2030 improvements include a combination of improving the turf in this location and adding prairie plantings. The discussion further arose during the April 2025 Parks Meeting and it was determined that further research should be done before committing to anything in this location. The remainder of this memorandum is a compilation of the information to date regarding the concept of a disc golf course in this area.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION & DETAILS

Disc golf is a recreational activity that offers a high benefit-to-cost ratio because it has low capital and maintenance costs compared to most other amenities and features of public parks. Disc Golf is played very much like traditional golf but instead of hitting a ball, the player throws a frisbee disc into a metal basket. The scoring is similar as well where the player is attempting to complete each hole in as few shots as possible. This is a sport that anyone can play and is quite easy to understand.

Attached to this memorandum is an exhibit with a concept disc golf course design utilizing the two areas of Gorney Park off 7 Mile Road. Staff looked at the Professional Disc Golfers Association for guidance on course design and typical rules/regulations for utilizing the space. The biggest goal to discuss, and ultimately what drove the concept design, was the level of player challenge the Village would like to have. Staff believes the goal should be to have a very beginner level course for kids and adults alike. The terrain is very flat and open which plays into that level of difficulty at the very start.

Holes are measured like golf with Par 3, 4, and 5. Minimum distances for those at the beginner level or "green" level are 100+, 325+, and 475+, respectively. The course provided

includes all Par 3 holes with the exception of 2 holes, to include a Par 4 and Par 5. This was done to utilize the length of the space and provide some inclusivity of more experienced players.

The holes would be the existing grass with a mowed turf surface roughly 20' in width. The Village already mows and maintains this space and the width is open for variation based on future prairie plantings. The remaining portion would include a combination of berms made from fill material that our Public Works crews can place on-site as well as the grant driven prairie plantings with Root-Pike-Win. Areas can also utilize with the existing mulch from our Public Works Department for "greens" or "bunkers" as desired. Trees can be planted on a donation basis or slowly over time as budget allows to create buffers and an aesthetically pleasing landscape.

Tee pads would be made from concrete at the minimum 4'x10' requirement at all locations based on a donation process. Tees can be made from gravel or earthen material at the onset of the development of a course to ensure its location is accurate and usable for the long-term. Targets would be purchased utilizing Park Fees or general park budget. These can be purchased in portable units or ground anchored versions for less than \$500 each. Course development and signage is intended to be achieved through local sponsorships as well. Our Parks Supervisor has already discussed this concept with local vendors and businesses about the cost to donate for the minimum signage and concrete. If donations are acquired – that hole would include their logo on the sign.

All design work and efforts are expected to remain in-house to avoid any additional costs. Currently, no specific motion is required. Staff recommends the committee discuss the options further and only make a motion to approve and direct staff if they have intentions to proceed.



Concept Disc Golf Course
Gorney Park