

Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting
January 9, 2023

Committee: Caledonia Trustee Holly McManus, Residents: Michael Lambrecht, Carl Garnetzke, Andrew Kallenbach, Christian De Jong, Josh Sopczak, Lee Wishau

Staff/Others: Ryan Schmidt, Peter Wagner, Tony Bunkelman

1. Call the meeting to order

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chairperson Holly McManus

2. Approval of Minutes

Michael Lambrecht moved to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2022 Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting. Seconded by Carl Garnetzke. Josh Sopczak and Lee Wishau abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public comment

Tom Devornay, 5329 Sunshine Lane, stated that he is still opposed to the Crawford Park entrance on Sunshine Lane and that the Committee should also know that he wants he would like an open space with trees in place of the proposed soccer field as shown on the plan. He added that he spoke with neighbors in the area and will be submitted a list of signatures in opposition.

Pat Rader, asked if the dog park has been relocated on the site and the Committee stated it was up for discussion on the agenda.

Bob Roeder, 8510 7 Mile Road, stated he is opposed to the proposed dog park at Gorney Park. He stated that Whitnall Park closed their dog park due to problems and that if built here, the Village will have similar problems.

4. Gorney Park Dog Park

Trustee Wishau presented the new northern dog park design and what constraints and benefits associated with the new location. The committee discussed the proposed location and requested that updated cost estimates be presented to the Committee for review to install the dog park on the north portion of the park along 7 Mile Road. The 2023 CIP budget allots a total of \$30,000 in park impact fees. If costs exceed this amount, the Village Board will need to approve any budget increase for the project. Carl Garnetzke stated that he is in opposition to the proposed dog park because we have existing dog parks in the near area that residents can use.

5. Maple Park Project

Ryan Schmidt presented an overview of the development project which includes concrete sidewalks and open-air shelter. The shelter will be located north of the existing playground and have sidewalks extend to the east and west connecting to the existing neighborhood sidewalks abutting the park. The costs will likely exceed the budgeted amount and will require a request for additional funds. The committee discussed options to value engineer the project to reduce costs. Staff will provide final numbers at a future meeting.

6. Nicholson Wildlife Refuge

Staff provided information regarding the water drainage issues facing the park discussing existing drainage tiles and the impacts of the reconstruction of 5 Mile Road. The DNR required that the drainage tile not drain to the north to preserve the wetlands within the refuge. There is a suspected broken drainage tile causing water to stay on the site. To repair this broken tile, the Village will need to experience several dry seasons to access the drainage tile.

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7. Crawford Park Master Grading and Erosion Control Plan

Ryan presented the RFP responses with the Committee. The Village received three responses. Staff evaluated the responses and recommended Clark Deitz as the consultant to do the work as they were the most affordable and meet the scope of the project. The plan should be completed in March 2023. This plan will guide the Village when phasing the development of Crawford Park.

5. Adjournment

Christian De Jong moved to adjourn. Seconded by Carl Garnetzke. Motion carried unanimously at 6:23 PM.