

**Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting
November 14, 2022**

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

Excused: Josh Sopzcak, Lee Wishau

Staff/Others: Ryan Schmidt, Peter Wagner

1. Call the meeting to order

Meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm by Chairperson Holly McManus

2. Approval of Minutes

Andrew Kallenbach moved to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2022 Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting. Seconded by Carl Garnetzke. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public comment

Rick Baher, Hoy Audubon Society, stated that he is an avid bird watcher, and that Nicholson Wildlife Refuge is a great spot to watch birds. He supports the extension of the boardwalk which would provide better access to the refuge.

Ken Michel, Franksville Beer Garden Owner, thanked the committee and Village staff for their support with the beer garden and stated that the County has been supportive as well and has been improving the park since ownership transferred. He further stated that the beer garden won many best of Racine awards this year and that they have had a successful season.

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 a berm with trees along the eastern edge of the park to buffer the park from his house.

4. Nicholson Wildlife Refuge Discussion

Sue Schuit presented to the Committee a timeline of how the refuge became into being and the efforts she has led to make the refuge a great place to observe nature. Sue highlighted activities such as marking the boundaries of the refuge, illegal hunting occurring within the refuge, unkept trail system cluttered with weeds and saplings, drainage issues, and the incomplete construction of the boardwalk. She stated that past committee members were in favor of her efforts to improve the refuge and is here before the new committee to explain the history and value of the refuge. The Committee discussed what efforts could be made to address the concerns and lack of action to improve the refuge. The committee directed staff to research the history of the area as it relates to the past road reconstruction abutting the refuge and what drainage issues exists. No action was taken on the agenda item.

5. Adjournment

Christian De Jong moved to adjourn. Seconded by Carl Garnetzke. Motion carried unanimously at 6:00 PM.