

**Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting
October 10, 2022**

Committee: Caledonia Trustee Holly McManus, Caledonia Trustee Lee Wishau, Residents: Michael Lambrecht, Carl Garnetzke

Excused: Josh Sopzcak, Andrew Kallenbach

Absent: Christian De Jong

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

Lee Wishau moved to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2022 Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting. Seconded by Carl Garnetzke. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public comment

Judy Grove, 8024 Nicholson Road stated that they own land to the east of the proposed dog park and is opposed to it. They currently have issues with dogs trespassing on her property and that the dogs startle their horses. She stated that she is concerned about the cost of installing and maintaining a dog park. She also asked how Gorney Park was picked for a dog park and not a different Village Park.

Bob Roeder, 8510 7 Mile Road, stated he is opposed to the proposed dog park at Gorney Park. He stated that a dog park should be located where the people with dogs live. He stated that there is no need for a dog park.

Pat Roeder, 8510 7 Mile Road, stated that there is no need for a dog park at Gorney Park and that a dog park should be located on the east side of the Village.

4. Gorney Park Project – Dog Park

Pete Wagner provided a brief summary of the proposed dog park at Gorney Park. Committee members discussed the proposal. Trustee Wishau stated that the installation of the dog park could be done in phases to mitigate the costs of the project over a longer period of time. A potential first phase would be the installation of fencing followed by a second phase which could include an open-air shelter, trees, and pathways through the dog park. Committee members expressed concerns regarding dog feces and where stormwater runoff would go, especially if the area drained to the park pond. Other concerns stated included the impact to neighbors and the horses that are adjacent to the proposed location of the dog park. Discussion ensued about relocating the dog park north of the existing parking lot instead of the south, to mitigate negative impacts to the horses and residents to the south. Michael Lambrecht made a motion to table the Gorney Dog Park proposal and have the Committee consider what the costs would be to design and install a dog park north of the existing parking lot in Gorney Park. Seconded by Lee Wishau. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Maple Park Project

Pete Wagner provided a brief overview of the proposed project with Ryan Schmidt outlining project timeline and process. The proposed project would encompass the construction of a paved pathway from Sina Lane and Bannoch Drive to the center of the park near the existing playground. In addition, a concrete slab would be installed along with an open-air shelter. This project would provide ADA accessibility to the playground equipment, and the shelter would provide a shady area for parents and children utilizing the park. The Committee discussed the project and provided a brief history of the park. When the park was created, the subdivision developer agreed to install

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pathways and playground equipment as part of the subdivision development. Unfortunately, the developer went bankrupt, and the final development of the park was never completed. Approval of this project would provide an amenity that was initially planned for this park. This project was approved as part of the 2022 Budget and staff will proceed with the project and prepare a bid package. Michael Lambrecht made the motion to approve the authorization for staff to proceed with the RFP process to get bids for the installation and extension of sidewalks and an open-air shelter at Maple Park using Park Impact Fees. Seconded by Carl Garnetzke. Approved unanimously.

5. Crawford Park Master Plan

Ryan Schmidt presented to the Committee the next step in the implementation of the Crawford Park Master Plan, which is to hire a consultant to design a master grading and drainage plan for the park. MSA Professionals provided a priority list consisting of multiple elements of the plan. One element was to create a grading and drainage plan for the site which would accommodate the proposed amenities in the park. The estimated cost of designing and implementing a grading and drainage plan was \$500,000. Funding for the entire project is not available at this time. Therefore, staff is recommending that the Village seek engineering services to design the master grading and drainage plan so that staff can propose a phased approach to implementing the required grading and drainage components of the park. Staff is requesting that the Park & Recreation Advisory Committee recommend to the Village Board that no more than \$40,000 of Park Impact Fees be used to acquire engineering services to accomplish this aspect of the project. Lee Wishau motioned to recommend to the Village Board that Village Staff dedicate Park Impact Fees not to exceed \$40,000 in 2023 for the acquisition of engineering services to create a master grading and drainage plan for Crawford Park. Seconded by Mike Lambrecht. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Adjournment

Michael Lambrecht moved to adjourn. Seconded by Lee Wishau. Motion carried unanimously at 5:52 PM.