

Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting September 12, 2022

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

Staff/Others: Chief Botsch, Ryan Schmidt, Peter Wagner, Tony Bunkelman, Kathy Kasper, Luke Geiger, MSA Professionals, and Caledonia Village Trustee Fran Martin,

1. Call the meeting to order

Meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm by Holly McManus

2. Approval of Minutes

Michael Lambrecht moved to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2022 Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting, 2nd by Josh Sopczak motion carried unanimously

3. Public comment

Ed Willing, 5754 Wind Star Lane, stated that he liked the Sunshine Lane entrance and the expansion of trails. He has concerns with the sledding hill and skatepark as he feels that they will not be used very much. He also believes a dog park should be located here and that one was proposed in an earlier master plan for the park.

Dave Haertle, 1605 Secretariat Lane, stated that he walks through the park regularly and does not see anyone using the tennis or basketball courts; doesn't like Sunshine entrance; concerned with the amount of proposed parking stalls; and doesn't see the skatepark utilized very much.

Brett Haller, 1515 Autumn Drive stated that he is in favor of pickleball courts and agrees with the other resident about the entrance at Sunshine Lane. He suggested that sponsors/donations for pickleball courts is possible if the project includes pickleball courts.

Tom Dovorany, 5329 Sunshine Lane, requested that no parking on Sunshine Lane be installed due to people coming to the park; would like a berm with trees and other materials to screen park from his house; is concerned that cars will use the park drive as a cut through bringing more traffic past his house; believes the sledding hill will help screen active parts of the park from his house.

Andrew Kallenbach stated to the Committee that he received an email from Tom Dovorany and requested that the email be forwarded to the Village President and Village Attorney as the email included the threat of litigation based on decision made by the Committee.

4. 2023 Budget Discussion

Pete Wagner presented the approved 2022 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Budget to the Committee and the 5-year CIP spreadsheet. He presented what projects were completed, not started, and what was ongoing. Pete Wagner explained that as part of the Crawford Park Master Plan, the Committee should start to evaluate what CIP projects should be proposed and prioritized for the upcoming budget cycle. The purpose of this discussion is to provide direction to staff as they prepare for the 2023 Budget cycle. The Committee reviewed and discussed the 2022 and 2023 CIP projects and suggested that the Gorney Dog Park Project be moved up to 2023 budget year. Discussion continued regarding the proposed purchase of a golf cart. The Committee was unsure if this should be in the budget and would discuss the matter in more detail with Park Maintenance staff.

5. Crawford Park Master Plan Update

Luke Geiger presented the final draft master plan to the Committee explaining the new design of the park based on the Committee's preferences from the previous meetings. The draft master plan included a new configuration of the park road connecting Chester Lane to Sunshine Lane. One Committee Member expressed concern regarding the entrance on Sunshine Lane and would prefer

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the park road not be continuous through the park. Discussion ensued regarding the court sports location and whether dedicated tennis courts should be represented on the plan. The plan illustrated an emergency service driveway from the public safety building to Sunshine Lane without connecting to other amenities in the park. It was noted that this was not a park plan element, but rather an element they may impact the development of the park and that when developing the park, the area designated for the EMS driveway not be encroached upon. Following the overview of the amenities proposed in the park, Luke Geiger and Pete Wagner led the Committee through the discussion regarding what facilities should be prioritized. The Committee concurred that pickleball courts should be part of any Phase 1 development of the park. Luke commented that grading and seeding may be an important element of the park that would setup the installation of future phases. The comments/suggestions made by the Commission will be utilized by the consultant to refine a recommended phased approach to the development of the park. The next step will be for the consultant to finalize the plan to include project process, public engagement efforts, master park plan map, and a list of amenities with estimated costs and potential phasing. The draft final report will be presented to the Committee at a special meeting scheduled for September 26th.

5. Adjournment

Josh Sopzcak moved to adjourn, 2nd by Mike Lambrect. Motion carried unanimously @ 6:26 PM.