

July 11,2017 Park Commission Minutes

Present: Scott Warner (President), Alex Hintz (Vice-President), Kathy Burton (Secretary), Ed Willing (Trustee), Liz Kocjan (Commissioner), and Melody Schmitz (Commissioner)

also present: Randall Solberg (Supervisor)

1) Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 7:07 P.M..

2) Public Comments- none

3) Approval of Minutes- *Commissioner Kocjan made a motion to approve the May 9th minutes. Seconded by Vice-President Hintz. Motion carried unanimously.

*Commissioner Kocjan made a motion to approve the June 8th Special Meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Schmitz. Motion carried unanimously.

4) President's Report- President Warner stated that he had rented space at Crawford Park and was very pleased by the entire process. Commissioner Schmitz recalled a similar experience. President Warner also informed the Commission of damage at Crawford Park that needs to be repaired or replaced.

5) Trustee Liaison Update- Trustee Willing informed the Commission of a Special Village Board Meeting on Monday, July 16th at 6:30 P.M., regarding the development of Crawford Park. Secretary Burton asked about the status of the Joint Park. Trustee Willing said that there has been no movement yet.

6) Linwood Park Sign- There was an issue regarding where the sign should be placed, but it has since been resolved.

7) Ball Diamond Advertising- The current advertisement fee is \$300.00 a year with a one time \$200.00 set up fee. President Warner would like us to offer a larger sign for longer commitment. *Vice-President Hintz made a motion to approve a premium of \$4,000.00 for a 5 year commitment on a larger sign with no set up fee; and to offer a \$3,500.00 premium as an exception for negotiations that have already commenced. Seconded by Commissioner Kocjan. Motion carried unanimously.

*Secretary Burton made a motion to approve an advertising sign at each diamond. Seconded by Trustee Willing. Motion carried unanimously.

8) Supervisor/Maintenance Update-

a) Supervisor's Report- The 4th of July float looked great. Randall did an outstanding job! Also, the pier at Gorney is in.

b) 2017 Projects- We need Commissioners to be vigilant to find golfers for the Golf Outing Fundraiser to help to make it a success.

c) Leagues- The leagues are thriving and in progress.

d) Expenditures- n/a

9) Budget Report- Everything is going well with the budget. We budgeted \$2,000.00 for playground equipment and will use it to repair/replace playground equipment. We've also exceeded the \$4,000.00 that we budgeted for park rentals, which is great news!

10) 5 yr. Capital Improvement Plan- President Warner went over the list of things we would like to see in our parks (futsal, horseshoe pits, dog park, etc.), but he touched on the larger things for the Capital Improvement Plan such as: a Community Center, access roads (building and repairing), a concession stand and bathrooms, and the eventual need for a new vehicle for Randall to use. Vice-President Hintz asked Trustee Willing about the process to achieve these goals. Trustee Willing expressed the need to prioritize the goals and explained the budget and thought process of the Village Board. Trustee Willing conveyed to the Commission a request he received about putting a band shell at Gorney Park. The Commissioners were open to the possibility but were concerned by the lack of infrastructure there. That led to a discussion about the success of the "movies in the park" nights in Sturtevant and how we could implement this event in Caledonia.

11) Communications and Announcements- The Commission received a letter from Sue Schuit regarding the water issues at the Nicholson Wildlife Refuge.

12) Adjournment- *Trustee Willing made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Kocjan. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 P.M..

Respectfully Submitted By: Kathy Burton

*action (motions)

Parks Update June

Leagues are running good –despite the rain on Tuesdays. We will be doing some doubleheaders in the first weeks of August at both Gorney and Crawford Park. We lost one umpire this year due to a work injury. I have been umpiring the Tuesday's games – that was not on my agenda. Still collecting some player fees – they were told to pay by the first week after the 4th break. Looking for additional umpires

The Gorney pier is reopen – I need to replace some posts that have been pulled out for a makeshift pier that the fishermen did to get to the pier (the walk path was under water due to all the rain.

Spartans played part of their tournament at Gorney Park because of the Kraut Fest. They use the ball diamond side because of the porta potties along with the ground conditions.

The Village Hall needed extra attention in the cleaning for the open house event.

4th July Float was completed.

Golf Event is August 6th at South Hills – EVERYONE IS TO HELP PROMOTE AND FIND DONATIONS AND GOLFERS. I will hand out registration forms at the meeting.

I been very busy because of the rain – this has me going to the fields early in the morning and again in the last afternoon to groom and caulk the fields.

NWR – we have beaver problems which are part of our water problems. I contacted the warden and we are good to go for trapping. There is a person willing to trap for free.

Linwood Park sign has been relocated to the east of the parking lot by Matt and his team. This was Matt project for Eagle Scout award.

Went to The Old Timers meeting – They were very happy to have a Park and Rec person attend. They gave me several complements along with a donation of \$250. For the dugout project which is the max on any first time person attending. I will at the August meeting.

Caledonia Parks & Rec did a full page ad for their tournament fee was \$100.

Planning on contacting PPG again for paint for the Gorney Park bleachers