

**Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting  
March 13, 2023**

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

Staff/Others: Ryan Schmidt, Peter Wagner

**1. Call the meeting to order**

Meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm by Chairperson Holly McManus.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Michael Lambrecht moved to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2023 Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting. Seconded by Andrew Kallenbach. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Public comment**

Tom Dovorany, 5329 Sunshine Lane; In opposition to Sunshine Lane access to Park. Submitted 8 households in opposition to driveway access. He believes more people would be opposed to the access if contacted. Parking currently occurs on Sunshine and access road will create more parking issues.

Christian De Jong stated that he believes it would be better accessed via Heidi and not Sunshine Lane.

Holly stated that the discussion could be held on a future agenda regarding access to Park from Sunshine Lane.

**4. Caledonia Youth Baseball Contract**

Village Engineer Ryan Schmidt explained the minor change to the contract that has been approved in years past. Language has been included to penalize the tenant if they do not clean up after using the Park Facilities. Josh Sopczak made the motion to recommend to the Village Board to approve the Park Use Agreement for Caledonia Youth Baseball/Softball League, Inc. for use of Crawford Park. Christian De Jong seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Crawford Park Master Grading Plan Update**

Village Engineer Ryan Schmidt presented the latest update to the stormwater design and master grading plan, explaining costs and current phasing of the buildout on the south and east sides. Ryan provided rough cost estimates for each phase as provide by the consultant, Clark Dietz. The Committee asked why the proposed access was from Sunshine instead of Chester Lane. Ryan explained the goal of the Master Plan Approval was to build an access road that could utilize the existing amenities on site while the park was built out in phases. The access road is also much shorter from Sunshine Lane, making it more cost effective than it would be from Chester. No action was required. The Committee will be updated on the progress of the plan at their May 2023 meeting.

**6. Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Resignation**

Josh Sopczak notified the committee that he will be resigning at the end of his term (April 2023) due to other commitments. Andrew Kallenbach will also be resigning due to relocation to Mount Pleasant. Staff will be posting member openings and the Chair asked members to share the openings with others who may be interested in serving. Chair thanked those members for their service to the Village.

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**7. Discussion on Future Goals and Brainstorming Proposals for the Committee.**

The Chair explained the need to identify goals for the committee to work on moving forward. Development Director Peter Wagner explained to the committee that the Village has the 2035 Village Park and Open Space Plan that highlights the future needs of the Park System and how it should be used as a guide for discussion and ideas moving forward. Staff is proposing to update this plan in 2024 in partnership with SEWRPC and will likely rely on this committee to oversee the update.

**8. Adjournment**

No April Meeting due to resignations. Motion to Adjourn at 6:12 PM by Christian De Jong; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Josh Sopczak. Motion carried unanimously.