

## Parks Committee meeting Monday June 14, 2021

In attendance: Tom Weatherston, Lee Wishau, Pete Wagner, Mike Lambrecht, Mark Leskowitz, Andrew Kallenbach, Ken Michel

Meeting called to order by Tom Weatherston @ 5:00 p.m.

Motion to approve minutes by Lee Wishau, seconded by Mike Lambrecht. Motion approved unanimously.

1. Citizens comments: Ken Michel, on behalf of the garden club reported that the plant & flower sale was a resounding success. Sales were the best they have ever had. The club would like to thank everyone involved for making this happen.
2. Pete Wagner provided a summary of 3 major maintenance items completed. A complete list of maintenance items included in the meeting packet. This list is a combination of lists compiled by park staff and Lee Wishau.
  - 24 dead trees were removed & stumps ground at the Joint Park.
  - 8 dead trees were removed from Linwood park.
  - Kids connection rope bridge has been repaired.
  - The storage trailer located behind the garage has been disposed of.
  - Cooking grills maintenance/replacement is on-going.
  - Grass cutting contractors have reported that the tree removal has allowed them to complete cutting in less time.
  - Picnic tables are being sanded and painted.
  - County public works director toured the Joint Park to review conditions and maintenance items. Capital improvements are on hold until a decision from the county is complete.
  - Crawford park shelter has experienced vandalism issues. Investigation has not yet led to the person(s) responsible.
  - A new pickup truck has been ordered.
  - General: seasonal help is now on board.
3. Tom Weatherston reported that there have been inquiries on the possibility of providing pickleball courts. Nothing is scheduled for 2021. This will be reviewed as part of the master design plan for the parks. Tennis courts are underutilized and may be converted to pickleball.
4. Tom Weatherston asked committee members to review the Parks and Open space plan. Table 4.3, pages 79-81 and table 4.4, Page 82 of the 2035 plan provide a summary of current recommendations. Please be prepared to start the discussion at the next meeting. Tom stated that a decision on where to locate the public safety building may impact the Village Hall campus & Crawford park plan. Lee asked Pete Wagner to locate legal materials regarding Maple Park as there is confusion on what the village responsibilities are. This park is currently set up as a neighborhood park, there isn't any street parking available in the immediate area. We need to understand what the agreement with the developer is. Mike Lambrecht briefly discussed the former master plan and how it appears to be a "pie in the sky". Lee provided a brief update on the proposed trail and grant process. This is on progress for a 2022 grant application. Pete stated that we need to consider the importance of Caledonia trails connectivity with neighborhoods, parks and surrounding communities. Discussion followed on impact fees and their legal uses.
5. Lee distributed a rough draft of a dog park potentially @ Gorney Park. Further discussion will be on the July agenda.
6. Adjournment: motion to adjourn by Lee Wishau, Mike Lambrecht 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting adjourned @ 5:55 PM.

