

**Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting  
May 8, 2023**

Committee: Trustee/Chairperson Holly McManus, Trustee Anthony Hammes;

Resident Members: Michael Lambrecht, Christian De Jong, Carl Garnetzke, Tom Divorany

Staff/Others: Ryan Schmidt, Pete Wagner, Tony Bunkelman, Chris Botsch, Nancy Pierce

**1. Call the meeting to order**

- 5pm meeting called to order by Chairperson Holly McManus
- McManus welcomed new committee members

**2. Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes not included in the packet. Hold until next meeting.
- Motion made to lay over by Michael Lambrecht. Seconded by Christian De Jong. All Aye.

**3. Public comment**

- John Jens – 5415 Sunshine Lane
  - Sunshine Lane access is not liked because of the kids walking around. Speeding is happening now. Road access will increase the problem. Concerned with EMS vehicles going down sunshine. Park is not used much and will not be used as much. More thought should go into the plan. Want to fix the existing plan. Think of safety. Subdivision is not made for this park.
- Dan Schrank – 5450 Sunshine Lane.
  - Have traffic problem on 4 ½ Road. Loud music and mufflers. Spoke with other residents and are unaware of the proposed park plan. Residents have kids in area. If access is completed, it will bring traffic to area. The biggest concern is that park brings “lowest common denominator” to area. Worried that attention to the area it will create more trouble. Area will be a target for theft if access is built.

**5. Crawford Park Master Plan – Access to Sunshine**

- Motion made by Tony Hammes to move item up out of order. Seconded by Michael Lambrecht. All Aye.
- Christian De Jong – believes that Village could save money by extending the road to Heidi Lane instead of Sunshine. Impact to more residents at the current location.
- Ryan Schmidt – Presented the difference via mapping. Approximately 3 fewer household are on Heidi than Sunshine based on the access point. (16 versus 13)
- General discussion amongst the committee. Holly McManus and Pete Wagner described the public safety access is not a guarantee and would not be part of the park planning.
- No motions were made.

**6. Master Plan Grading Plan Update.**

- Ryan Schmidt updated the committee regarding the revised grading along the south side of the public safety building as Phase 1a park development.
- This phase was taken to the board and approved to be installed with the Public Safety Building.
- Ryan reviewed the overall staging and phasing from the previous meeting as a refresher.

**7. Dogs in Parks – Evaluate Ordinance and Restrictions**

- Ryan Schmidt presented a sample ordinance about allowing dogs in parks.
- Discussion ensued regarding whether to include all parks or only specific parks. Commissioner asked if the Village is in danger if dog bites occur in park. The Village is not liable for dog bites and dog owner is. Discussion covered the topic of areas within a park should be prohibited. Conservancy allows dogs on leashes; possible resource.
- A draft ordinance would be presented at the next meeting by staff.
- 2 members approved of restrictions within the park and 4 approved of no restrictions as part of any proposed ordinance.
- Motion to lay over item to next meeting made by Christian De Jong. Seconded by Tony Hammes. All Aye

**8. Future Goals and Brainstorming Proposals**

- Ideas shared include creating a hardcopy booklet that explains the park system and recreation programs offered.
- Update kiosks in the parks. Outreach efforts should be increased regarding park amenities.
- Use FB more to promote parks and recreation efforts.
- Ryan shared possible soccer use in Crawford Park for youth soccer leagues.
- Email the link to the POSP plan to the parks committee.
- Carl is not against dogs.

**9. Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn by Michael Lambrecht. Second by Carl Garnetzke - 6:09pm