

January 12, 2016 Park Commission Minutes

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

also present: Randall Solberg, Myles Spiegel

- 1) Call To Order- The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M.
- 2) Approval of Minutes- Ed made a motion to approve the December 2015 meeting minutes. Seconded by Melody. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3) Public Comments- none
- 4) President's Report- Scott would like the Commission to resume its bi-monthly meeting schedule. Kathy explained that the Commission went to meeting monthly when the Parks were brought to a zero budget. At that time, the Commission and some volunteers literally ran the Parks. Currently, the budget has been restored and we have a Supervisor. The Commission agreed to resume the bi-monthly meetings and agreed to special meetings if circumstances warrant.
- 5) Budget Report- We do not have the budget from the Village yet. Scott went over what he currently had. The Village has loaned us the money to cover our budget, as we have not yet received the money for the mower. When we do receive the money it will go back to the Village. The Village Board approved \$25,000.00 to have SEWRPC update our Park Plan, allowing us to apply for various grants. The Village Board also approved an \$8,000.00 increase for extra hours for Randall. However, Randall is capped at his current hours, so the \$8,000.00 increase is not available to him. Ed suggested that maybe the Village can talk with Premier Solutions to amend the contract to increase Randall's rate to allow him to receive his increase. Melody and Alex conveyed a conversation that they had with Village President Bob Bradley, in which President Bradley cited a lack of communication from the Parks regarding their needs. Scott suggested that we make a conscious effort to let the Village Board know what is happening in the Parks.
- 6) Parks Supervisor Position Description Update- Scott would like the Commission to review the job description for the Supervisor and bring ideas to update it.
- 7) Supervisor/Maintenance Update
  - a) Supervisor's Report- Scott would like Randall to continue to put together a maintenance report for the meetings complete with quotes.
  - b) 2016 Events- Randall talked about the upcoming Bowling Fundraiser in February.
  - c) Leagues- Randall is putting together softball and kickball leagues.
    - Monday - Women's slow pitch softball
    - Tuesday - Men's softball
    - Wednesday - Men's and Women's kickball
    - Thursday - Co-Ed softball
    - Friday - Co-Ed kickball
  - d) Project Approval- Crawford Tennis Courts - Alex made a motion to approve up to \$800.00 for a plywood backstop/wall. Seconded by Melody. Motion carried unanimously.

Baseball Field - Edging, aeration, tilling, and fertilizing (with approval). Ed made a motion to approve up to \$500.00 for field preparation, pending approval for fertilization. Seconded by Liz. Motion carried unanimously.

Drag Mat - Ed made a motion to empower the Park Supervisor to choose the best product and price of three obtained quotes, not to exceed \$500.00. Seconded by Alex. Motion carried unanimously.

Fence Guard around home run fence - no action (not essential)

Gorney Park Diamonds - Kathy made a motion not to exceed \$5,000.00 for dirt and equipment to improve the ball diamonds. Seconded by Ed. Motion carried unanimously.

Gorney Park Diamonds - Ed made a motion to approve up to \$2,000.00 for equipment to conduct a league. Seconded by Alex. Motion carried unanimously.

Dugout Roof At Crawford Park - Consensus to postpone.

Crack seal the park - Ed made a motion to approve up to \$2,000.00 to pursue the lowest of three quotes to seal Crawford Park Walkways. Seconded by Alex. Motion carried unanimously.

Trail Cameras - Ed made a motion to approve up to \$600.00 to purchase trail cameras and a ladder. Seconded by Melody. Motion carried unanimously.

Trash/Recycle Can Lids - Ed made a motion to approve up to \$650.00 to purchase garbage can lids. Seconded by Melody. Motion carried unanimously.

8) New Business- Scott went through the Concession Stand Contract with the Caledonia Baseball League and removed all references to Gorney Park as it will be booked for Caledonia's Leagues. Scott said that the Baseball League has approved the contract with the changes. Ed made a motion to approve the contract with Caledonia Baseball. Seconded by Alex. Motion carried unanimously.

9) Communications and Announcements- Randall asked the Commission for permission to frame a certificate recognizing PPG for their generous donation of paint to the Parks. The Commission agreed.

10) Adjournment- Ed made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Melody. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:39 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by: Kathy Burton