

May 10, 2016 Park Commission Minutes

Present: Scott Warner (President), Ed Willing (Vice-President/Trustee), Kathy Burton (Secretary), Alex Hintz, Melody Schmitz, Craig McAteer
also present: Randall Solberg (Supervisor), Dan Fleming

- 1) Call To Order - The meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M..
- 2) Public Comments- Dan Fleming asked the Commission if Caledonia would work with him to form a futsal league and possibly a small soccer league. Dan explained the game of futsal and the Commission asked several questions regarding the game. Scott asked Dan to contact Randall and look over what facilities we have and to contact him with any events.
- 3) Approval of Minutes- Ed made a motion to approve the March Minutes. Seconded by Alex. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4) Introduction of New Commission Member- Scott introduced Craig McAteer to the Commission.
- 5) President's Report- Scott said that the Root River Paddle Challenge event went well. He also informed the Commission that he received quotes of \$380,000 - \$500,000 for the stadium lighting at Crawford Park. The Commission talked about possible alternatives. Scott went over the timeline for Park Commission reports as to help us conduct efficient meetings.
- 6) Budget Report- Scott went over the budget with the Commission. The mower has been sold, and Randall came in \$700.00 under the equipment budget.
- 7) Election of Officers- Kathy made a motion to nominate Scott as President. Seconded by Ed. Motion carried unanimously. Melody made a motion to nominate Alex as Vice-President. Seconded by Craig. Motion carried unanimously. Ed made a motion to nominate Kathy as Secretary. Seconded by Craig. Motion carried unanimously.
- 8) Non-Profit Status/Friends of the Caledonia Parks- Scott received a letter from the Village accountant regarding donations and sales tax. Scott talked about the need for a 501c3.
- 9) Memorial Options- Randall presented the Commission with various options for memorials. Melody made a motion to offer the Legacy Bench with arc style back. Seconded by Alex. Motion carried unanimously. As an alternative, Alex made a motion to allow a planter of any style in matching aggregate to the bench. Seconded by Craig. Motion carried unanimously.
- 10) Supervisor/Maintenance Update-
 - a) Supervisor's Report- ****see attachment*
 - b) 2016 Events- The golf fundraiser was pushed back a week to June 11th because there was a mix up. The Poker Run will be on July 23rd. Randall was contacted by a group to run the Mad Scientists. This event has been held in Caledonia in the past. Kathy made a motion to make Crawford Park available to the Mad Scientists at no cost and to ask the Village Board for approval allowing them to use the East Side Community Center in case of inclement weather. Seconded by Ed. Motion carried unanimously.
 - c) Advertising- n/a
 - d) League Update- Tuesday Men's Softball, Thursday Coed Softball, and Friday Coed Kickball.

e) Project Approval- Ed made a motion to approve a fee schedule of \$1,000.00 a year in improvements to Gorney Park for the Spartan Soccer Club. Seconded by Melody. Motion carried unanimously.

11) New Business- none

12) Communications and Announcements- Scott received an email complimenting the state of Gorney Park. He also relayed a communication that he received from the Hoy Audubon Society regarding the Heritage Trees/Trees We Love preservation program and asked for nominations for a tree.

13) Adjournment- Ed made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Alex. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:57 P.M..

Respectfully submitted by: Kathy Burton

Accomplishments May/2016

NWR- Boardwalk sections are now all built. They are being stored at the compost area until the ground is dry at NWR. All I need to do is level the sections and put in a 6" bolt connecting them by the post. I think there are 50 sections. Still on hold until the ground dries.

Tennis Wall is all painted and the holes are drill in the posts. I will install in the next 2 weeks pending weather and the baseball fields. Hwy Dept. came and crack sealed the courts.

All new dispensers (N/C) are installed at Crawford Park. New vendor for supplies – Nassco company

New softball equipment order from Beacon Athletics will arrive this week. The fields will be finished by Mick's Landscaping Co. I have spraying and dragging the fields. I will be renting and edger and tilling this week to clean up around home plate and down the base lines.

New trash cans by the ball diamonds.

Home Run Fence Advertising – I been to about 25 locations

Upcoming Projects

Memorial Benches/items: we need to review possible location sites at each park. Shipping cost will be about \$150. Per bench. See plague fees

Reply Local would like to come to a meeting to discuss fundraising and promoting or parks programs. We could collect \$9.00 for every rewards card sold. Contact is Nick Christensen, Missie Mauldin

Need to order additional can decals / Discuss our Parks signs and entrance / Landscaping and new decal look / Install old player benches around playground areas and Gorney pond / Need to remove old concrete from the frames / I have a friend that will let me use his equipment to drill holes.

Golf Fundraiser- was move to Saturday June 11th – We were not in the books from last year - shot gun start. Looking for more give aways/donations

Poker Run- Saturday July 23rd - Adding new locations to replace closed businesses. All routes will run by our parks this year. Thank you rider signs will be displayed on our park signs

Immediate Action

Racine Spartans have agreed to our terms. They will also show us their receipts regarding all improvement to the park. They are ready to move forward.

Park and open space plan for the village – Nancy Anderson at SEWRPC sent us a quote – Tom signed it.

Umpire meeting – May 22 @ 7PM set a schedule, review payment.

Leagues: Tuesday Men's, Thursday Coed Softball and Friday Coed kickball.

Crawford Park shelter – what are our plans to give it a face lift.

4th Fest Parade: I now have the \$25.00 check- The application must be postmarked by May 31st.

Ongoing / Long Range

Crawford Park – New Village Hall project: Request our park needs for additional parking lot, shelter and ball fields

Closing Woodland Park – remove park benches

Add playground area by the lower shelter at Gorney Park. NWR- building a view tower, expand the parking area