

MINUTES OF THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING – MAY 24, 2016

Call to Order: Chairman Bob Knueppel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at Memorial Park.

Trustees Present: Bob Knueppel, Josh Prescher, and Kathie Bock

Trustees Absent: None

Others Present: Dennis Hundt and Roger Zubke

Discuss / Approve Minutes from the 10/27/2015 Committee Meeting:

Josh motioned to approve presented minutes, seconded by Kathie. The motion carried.

Tour all of the Village Parks to Evaluate Conditions for Improvement

Memorial Park:

No issues to discuss in this park. Josh said he will continue to work with the Legion on developing a Veteran's Memorial.

Riverside Park:

Josh asked about creating a portage for canoes and kayaks by the rocks in the corner of the river right behind the restrooms instead of using the pier, which is a little high for people trying to climb out of kayaks. It was felt this would not be a good location due to kids playing on the portage and being so close to the dam. Dennis and Roger will look into possibly finding something to add to the pier to help with this issue.

Lions Park:

We have a quote of \$5900.00 from Midwest Sealcoat to resurface the tennis and basketball courts that are in poor condition. There is \$5500.00 in a Capital account for this project and we can use \$400.00 from the Repair and Maintenance account in Parks to pay for getting this done. Bob will have this item placed on the June 6th Village Board meeting agenda.

Dennis will get a quote to have the century fence fixed around the basketball court. The main post on the north end of the west fence has been leaning for years and has gotten worse. A few other parts of the fence are loose, bulged, and coming apart so it should be fixed before becoming a bigger problem.

Josh suggested the Village sell ads for businesses that could be placed on the west fence of the tennis and basketball courts. Bob will discuss this with Dennis Uecker to see if the Downtown Business Association might have some interest in this.

Josh brought the idea up last spring and again now of establishing a walking path along the century fence that runs along the river for people to walk from the restroom/pavilion to the existing sidewalk along the south side of the park on East Griffith Street. A few benches could be placed along the path for people to listen and watch the water at the dam and river. A few areas of tree limbs and brush could be cleaned out along the bank to create better viewing spots. Dennis and Roger will look into this more.

Fishermans Park:

No issues at this time.

Firemans Park:

On the ballfield the third base dugout wall developed several cracks in the mortar and is still in need of repair. Part of the first base dugout block wall has been slowly moving off its foundation and is becoming a greater concern. There are 8 lights burned out now but we have not heard a concern about improper lighting on the field yet, so we will continue to monitor this. The block retaining walls for spectators continue to move and will eventually be a major expense to repair/rebuild.

Roger reported that Ruth Leitzke, who runs a beach volleyball league, would like the nets on the volleyball courts replaced. They are getting quite worn. Roger said she might possibly contribute towards the nets so he will work with her.

The Community Hall board is interested in possibly having the grass area in front of the Hall removed and having a landscape wall with a flag and some flowers/shrubs built there. This could also free up more pavement area for handicap parking stalls. We had some discussion of maybe adding some benches, but it was felt that a wall could be used to sit on and there would be less chance of vandalism and maintenance. We agreed this would all be a positive attraction for the Hall. We also felt the cost of changing this should be cost shared between all four entities responsible for maintaining the parking lot. We just roughly estimate about \$4000.00 for this project. We have a quote of \$9450.00 from NR Asphalt & Maintenance to crack fill, sealcoat, and repaint the lines of the parking lot. Bob will talk to Dennis Uecker about getting together with the Hall board to agree on details so we can get quotes to proceed. Then we will need to seek approval from the other three paying entities, Town of Hustisford, Community Hall, and Fire Department.

Neider Park:

The Kayak launch next to the boat landing has been redone. Josh will work with LSA & LSID to see if they are interested in helping with the repair of the concrete planks on the landing. They might need to be dug out and re-laid to create a longer ramp that is not quite so steep. Part of the blacktop approach might need to be removed to get rid of the lip on the upper end and to be able to make a longer ramp. We have heard complaints about trailers and boat props hitting bottom during launch. Josh will also discuss with them about dredging that part of the lake extending out from the launch to create depth.

Ted Engelbart had contacted Roger and Bob prior to the meeting to ask if it was okay for the condo association to plant flowers on Village property on and along the berm on the north end of the ditch west of their homes. They want to make that area more attractive. We have no problem with that, as long as they do not place any sod in the ditch. Bob will let Ted know.

The soccer goal posts are in need of new nets. Bob talked to Otto Hopfinger to see if the goals are still used and Otto would like them to remain. Bob will find out from Otto where we can order new nets for this size goal.

Discuss/Recommend LSA Sign for Neider Park

Mike Grant of LSA had submitted a sign design that they would like to see erected at the entrance to the park. LSA would pay for and have the sign made. They are proposing a 30" x 42" single sided 1 1/2" thick sign for \$650.00 that would be sandblasted out of western red cedar. Josh will have diggers hotline mark the area and he will meet with Dennis and Roger to establish the exact location to the west of the entrance where we will install the sign. Kathy made a motion to recommend the approval of the sign design to the Village Board, seconded by Bob. Motion carried. Bob will have this item placed on the June 6th Village Board meeting agenda.

With no further business, Kathie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Josh. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Bob Knueppel, Parks and Recreation Chairman