

MINUTES OF THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING – APRIL 30, 2024

Call to Order: Chairman Bob Knueppel called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m. at the Lions Park pavilion.

Trustees Present: Bob Knueppel, Ken Westphal, and Jay Huncosky (arrived at 7:43 p.m.)

Trustees Absent: None

Others Present: Laurie Buchanan, Roger Zubke, Cheryl Smith, Tanya Lemke, Deb Whalen, and John Whalen.

Discuss/Recommend Repair or Replacement of Pavilion with Lions Club and LSA Representatives: John expressed their safety concerns with some of the posts of the existing pavilion. Roger suggested some options to help them safely use the pavilion to get through the events of this summer.

Discussion proceeded with many ideas and suggestions for the replacement of the pavilion. After much discussion, the general consensus was to add on to the south side of the existing restroom building with identical block to match. The size of this addition could be around 26' to 28' long and 15' to 20' wide.

The pavilion could be around 70' long and 40' wide and located slightly south of the existing one, just few feet north of the basketball court. The pillars could have stone or block on the lower portion to somewhat resemble the concession stand. The back/east side of the pavilion would have a partial wall to provide a backstop and possible electrical supply for the stage area. There is a desire to have the new structure look more elegant/impressive than the current one.

There is a need to allow space between the new concession stand and pavilion to allow access to the dam and river for firetrucks and equipment.

Tanya is going to create a rendering from our consensus, so we can provide our ideas to some contractors to gather their professional thoughts about what can and cannot be done. Roger will contact some local contractors to try to get a date that we could meet with them at this site to discuss this. We will develop a final drawing from this next meeting so we can get a cost estimate. Once we have that we can seek funding sources. There were some suggestions for possible funding, besides a collaborative sharing between the Village, Lions Club, and LSA.

The Committee Moved the Meeting to Firemans Park to Discuss/Recommend Proposed Sidewalk Installation from Concession Stand to Parking Lot in Firemans Park:

We received a proposal from Duane Westphal to install a sidewalk 120' long, 5' wide, and 4" thick for \$5,865.00. This sidewalk would go from the north side of the concession stand and run northeast to the southeast corner of the parking lot. We would provide a couple handicap parking stalls at this location of the parking lot. The sidewalk is needed to provide access to the stand and seating area for the elderly and handicap people. It will also provide access for delivery people to cart supplies to the stand. This sidewalk was requested to us by the Astros baseball team and the Rec Department. Roger reported that the Astros have offered \$500 towards this project. Bob will have the Rec Department discuss donating for this also. The Village has enough money in a Parks Savings account to pay for this project. Bob motioned to recommend to the Village Board to approve funding this project entirely at \$5,865.00, with some donations coming in to us later. Jay seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Bob will have the item placed on the Village Board agenda for May 13, 2024.

Adjourn

With no further business, Jay made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Laurie. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Bob Knueppel, Parks and Recreation Chairman