

MINUTES OF THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING – JUNE 11, 2020

Call to Order: Chairman Bob Knueppel called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. at the Village Hall due to it being a rainy wet evening, so no tour commenced.

Trustees Present: Bob Knueppel, Josh Prescher, and Cynthia Stroessner

Trustees Absent: None

Others Present: Roger Zubke

Discuss/Approve Minutes from the 10/21/2019 Committee Meeting:

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

Tour All Village Parks to Evaluate Conditions for Improvement:

Memorial Park:

The metro has not been ordered yet due to the delay of Music in the Park and will only be ordered if that does resume. No other issues at this time.

Riverside Park:

Some trees will eventually need to be removed due to deterioration from the Emerald Ash Borer disease. No other issues at this time.

Lions Park:

The crack in the tennis court is opening up wider again as usual and a pothole is developing near the east side gate. The rest of the surface looks good and we have about 3 more years before budgeted resurfacing will take place. Roger will contact Midwest Sealcoat to see if they have a solution to these issues.

Cynthia brought up the need for a medium sized child swing for children of 2-3 years old as the existing child swing is too small for this age and the adult swing might not be safe enough yet.

Fishermans Park:

No issues at this time.

Firemans Park:

The total cost to replace the 3 retaining walls completely with landscape block, fencing, concrete, and steps is estimated to be around \$310,000. Roger will check with CJ Manthey and Craft Masonry to discuss the possibility of pouring concrete walls instead to see what that cost might be.

Roger wants to meet with Miranda Weinheimer to discuss some ideas for adding some kind of seating for the volleyball courts.

Neider Park:

The boat launch repair with asphalt approach has been completed.

There is a dead tree along the ditch line in need of removal. Roger said they will need to wait until the ground dries up so they can drag the tree out without rutting up everything.

Roger got an estimate from Mi-De of \$1,050 to clean out about 50 feet of the south end of the east ditch. The silt coming out of the storm sewer in front of the culvert is making it impossible to maintain the ditch. We will check the budget to see if we can find the money to get this done.

Discuss Lawn Mower:

Roger tested a couple zero turn mowers to see how they compare to our mowers. They reduced mowing time substantially by at least 1/3. There are a few areas they can't be used, but for the most part they would reduce the usage of our existing 2 tractors immensely, which will more than double the life expectancy of each. So we can reduce the normal budgeted amount for those tractors by more than half. This will allow us to budget for the replacement of a zero turn in the future. We have enough money in the two tractor capital outlay accounts right now to purchase a new zero turn mower, which he estimates to be less than \$15,000. Roger would like to test a few more different brands of mowers before we purchase one. The committee is recommending we proceed with purchasing one because it is much more efficient and can save labor costs in the future. When Roger decides on which model he likes we will have this subject placed on the Village Board agenda.

Adjourn

With no further business, Cynthia made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Josh. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Bob Knueppel, Parks and Recreation Chairman