

MINUTES OF THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING—MARCH 6, 2023

Call to Order: Chairman Bob Knueppel called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Trustees Present: Bob Knueppel and Josh Prescher

Trustees Absent: Cynthia Stroessner

Others Present: Laurie Buchanan, Roger Zubke, Jared Schaefer, Mari Kaul, Jim Murray, Patti Murray, Rick Wood, and Nancy Wood

Discuss/Approve Minutes from the 10/18/2022 Committee Meeting:

Josh motioned to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Bob. The motion carried.

Discuss/Recommend Path Group of Hustisford Clearing Walking Path in Neider Park:

Rick Wood informed our committee that on behalf of the Path Group committee he would like to clear part of the existing grown in walking path and extend that around and through the wooded area on the northern end of the park. He presented a diagram of the planned walking path area. The walking path would be 4-5 feet wide and chipped bark would be added over the summer. The Village employees could chip anything bigger that he drags out, starting about mid-April. Once the walking path is created the Village would be responsible for maintaining it going forward. The Path Group does not have any liability insurance, so Bob will check with clerk Kim to inquire about the Village's liability during this work. Our committee agreed this walking path would be an asset to the park. Bob motioned to recommend to the Village Board to allow Rick to proceed with creating this walking path once the liability concerns can be answered, seconded by Josh. The motion carried. Bob will have this topic placed on the Village Board meeting agenda for March 13th.

Discuss/Recommend Converting Tennis Court to Pickleball Courts:

Bob suggested converting our existing tennis court in Lions Park to pickleball courts because the court is seldom used as is and pickleball is becoming more and more popular at all age groups. Roger got a quote last October from Midwest Sealcoat for \$16,500 to convert our existing tennis court into 4 pickleball courts. Bob contacted the Greater Watertown Community Health Foundation to see if they had any grant money for this project. Andi Merfeld of the Foundation said they have a Community Collaboration grant that they would contribute a maximum of \$20,000 or 1/3 of the project costs. This grant requires two community groups as interested contributing entities. These groups could be the Village, any other organization, business, or person. We will need to find one more to help sponsor this project. The Village has \$7,000 in a Capital account that was saved over the last 7 years for the resurfacing of the tennis and basketball courts. Josh motioned to recommend to the Village Board to apply to the Foundation for a Community Collaboration Grant after finding another contributing entity, seconded by Bob. The motion carried. Bob will have this topic placed on the Village Board meeting agenda for March 13th.

Adjourn

With no further business, Bob made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Josh. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Bob Knueppel, Parks and Recreation Chairman