

MINUTES OF THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING – MAY 28, 2024

Call to Order: Chairman Bob Knueppel called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Village Hall due to the rainy weather.

Trustees Present: Bob Knueppel, Jay Huncosky, and Ken Westphal

Trustees Absent: None

Others Present: Laurie Buchanan, Roger Zubke, Nathan Schoenike, John Glowinski, and Rick Wood

Discuss/Approve Minutes from the 4/30/24 Parks Committee Meeting:
Jay motioned to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Ken. The motion carried.

No Tour So We Will Discuss All Village Parks to Evaluate Conditions for Improvement and Needs:

Memorial Park:

The bandshell is in need of roof ridge cap repairs. Nathan is in the process of seeking a contractor to do this repair work.

The two dying trees have been removed.

Riverside Park:

The pier is in need of repair or replacement. There has been discussion to include this pier with a possible DNR grant for the new pavilion in Lions Park.

The lights that were approved from the Path organization have not arrived yet.

Lions Park:

The Lions Club has purchased a new sign for the Park that should be going in soon.

The new trees that were planted last fall are doing well.

There are now 4 benches inside the pickleball courts.

There has been some damage to the signs on the two playhouses.

Fishermans Park:

The trees are doing well here also. No other discussion needed here.

Firemans Park:

The new approved sidewalk installation will probably wait until the summer baseball has subsided to allow the area to recover after the construction work.

Roger mentioned that they had to replace 30 some sign boards on the outfield fence due to the annual sale of the ballfield signs. Some new businesses, a few non-renewals, and some that have reached their 10-year life expectancy.

The baseball infield will need extra work now due to all the heavy rains over the last two weeks.

There are three lights burned out to the ballfield. We will have to monitor the lights to see how any possible more going out could affect the overall visibility on the field.

Nathan is looking into working up the hard sand on the volleyball courts.

Neider Park:

The new ADA compliant kayak launch will be going in soon. Ribbon cutting will hopefully be July 3rd. LSA needs to remove some rocks in the area first. LSA will work with Duane Westphal to complete the concrete approach to it.

Rick and John presented some ideas they have for the park. A dog park was the most desired need from the surveys that had been done. Bob shared with them the approved plan from 2008 for the park.

They will be spreading more bark on the walking path and are in need of someone with a machine with a bucket to help make the process easier and quicker.

Bob will find out from the Soccer Club if the two goalposts can be removed due to lack of activity.

Adjourn

With no further business, Jay made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Laurie. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Bob Knueppel, Parks and Recreation Chairman