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PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2020

Park Commissioners Present: Jim Beson, Rhonda Elliott, Steve Otto, Kathy Sylvester, Paul Vandenberg & Jim Wise

Excused Absence: Jason Patzwald

Staff Present: Director - Amanda Geiser & CSA Tina DeBoer

Public: None

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The Commission meeting was held at the Municipal Complex, 2000 Municipal Dr., Neenah, and was called to order by Commissioner Vandenberg at 6:00PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll call was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND EXPENDITURES

The Park Commission dispenses with the reading of, and adopts the January 8, 2020, regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Sylvester motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Elliott. Motion carries unanimously.

The Commissioners reviewed and questioned the expenditure list dated February 12, 2020, for the period ending February 4, 2020, in the amount of \$32,638.89. Commissioner Beson motioned to approve the expenditure list, seconded by Commissioner Wise. Motion carries unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM

None

DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION

A. 2019 Year-In-Review:

Director Geiser reviewed the 2019 Year-In-Review report with Commissioners, who felt it is an excellent representation of what the department accomplished in 2019. She further advised copies will be provided to the Village Board and made accessible on the website.

B. Anunson Farm Park Development:

Director Geiser indicated she hopes to have the bidding information out by the end of February, with the bid being awarded by end of March. Two playground concepts from Burke were shared with Commissioners and discussion of both took place. All commissioners agreed Concept #1 provides significantly more play stations and, therefore, more for the money. The farm theme of Concept #2 is attractive, but has drawbacks of blocking the view of some areas and provides a large space for potential graffiti. Unanimously, the Commission supports Concept #1. Director Geiser indicated Burke is a company located in Fond du Lac, provides an excellent warranty and great customer service.

REPORTS

A. Park Report: Accepted as given.

B. Recreation Report: Accepted as given.

C. Director's Report: Accepted as given

D. Commission Reports:

Commissioner Beson: Indicated he will be out of state for the April 6, Village Board Meeting and the April 8, Park Commission Meeting. Requested this be noted.

Commissioner Elliott: Asked if the Commission still has plans to visit the parks this summer. Director Geiser advised she is not yet sure what the meeting format will be after the Village Recodification is completed. Will wait and see for now and plan on business as usual until notified otherwise, holding the second Park Commission meeting during the summer months at different parks.

Commissioner Otto: Noted the O'Hauser Park Disc Golf Course is very busy every day. He also asked about the driveway belonging to the home that was removed on Shady Lane being plowed and people parking there. Director Geiser advised the Commission a strong volunteer effort has been taking place in Woodland Prairie Park, getting trails prepared and groomed for snow shoeing. This area is being plowed to allow parking for any people wishing to use Woodland Prairie Park. Commissioner Otto asked if signage could be placed, advising people the area is designated for Woodland Prairie Park user parking and Director Geiser advised this can be done.

Commissioner Vandenberg: Asked what the long term plan is for the land West of Schildt Park. Director Geiser indicated the Village owns this land and the plan is to put a retention pond in this area at some point. She further advised there is the potential for an archery range in this area as well, but this would have to wait until the pond is completed. Commissioner Vandenberg also asked if things are on schedule for Woodland Prairie Park development to begin. Director Geiser advised the new storage building should be completed by 2020, however is unsure if the old building will be removed prior to the end of the year. If not, will be in early 2021.

Commissioner Wise: Indicated 28 of 33 previous year renters at Schildt Park Community Gardens have indicated a desire to return in 2020; there is a waiting list of nine people, so Schildt will be full again this year. Wittmann Park Community Gardens has had 12 of 19 renters from 2019, indicating they will return. He is unsure if Wittmann will be full for 2020. Previous renters have until January 31 to reserve their plot for this year.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Woodland Prairie Park Land Use Agreement:

Commissioner Sylvester motioned to approve the Woodland Prairie Park Land Use Agreement with Randy Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Elliott.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Otto motioned, seconded by Commissioner Sylvester, to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 7:08PM. Motion carries unanimously.

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for March 11, at the Municipal Complex, 2000 Municipal Dr., Neenah, at 6:00PM.

Sincerely,

Paul Vandenberg
Chairperson –Village of Fox Crossing Park Commission