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PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 14, 2023

Park Commissioners Present: Jim Beson, Jordyn Kurer, Kathy Sylvester, Chris McCoy, Steve Otto, Jean Wollerman

Excused: Suneer Patel

Staff Present: Director Amanda Geiser

Guests Present: George Dearborn, Lauren Linstedt (virtually)

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND DISCUSSION OF EXPENDITURES

The Park Commission dispenses with the reading of, and adopts, the May 10, 2023, regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Beson motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Otto. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM

- None

DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION

- A. Preliminary Budget Discussion:** Director Geiser discussed the upcoming 2024 budget process, including upcoming meeting dates. There will be two Park Commission meetings in July to discuss budget items, with the final Park Commission recommendation to the Village Board occurring at the August 9 meeting.
- B. Suburban Athletics/O’Hauser Park Update:** Director Geiser provided updates in regards to improvements being made to the ballfields at O’Hauser Park. In an effort to make Larsen Field more functional, park staff recently stripped the Larsen Field infield and Suburban Athletics (SAI) volunteers spread new infield surfacing. This particular project has provided momentum to keep the improvements going and there is a local company interested in removing the existing dugouts on Larsen Field at no cost. Staff will be having a meeting their current president at the end of June to discuss future plans. Director Geiser reported that communication with the organization has been the best it has been and there is hope that things will keep moving in the right direction to get O’Hauser where it needs to be.

REPORTS

- A. Park Report:** Accepted as written.
- B. Recreation Report:** Accepted as written.
- C. Director Report:** Accepted as given.
- D. Commission Reports:**
 - **Commissioner Beson:** Stated that the volunteer group recently had their last work day of the spring at O’Hauser Park. They removed 3 big ash trees and will return in the fall to continue dealing with ash tree removal.
 - **Commissioner Otto:** No report
 - **Commissioner Kurer:** No report
 - **Commissioner McCoy:** No report

- **Commissioner Patel:** Excused
- **Commissioner Sylvester:** Asked if the trails on the west side of O’Hauser will be cut back soon.
- **Commissioner Wollerman:** Complimented the parking stalls addition at Fritse Park saying they looked great. She mentioned the lot could use a new coat of paint on the remaining parking stall lines. She also questioned the need for the current porta-potty Fritse Park.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Schildt Park Community Gardens Compost Proposal:** Girl Scout Lauren Linstedt did a presentation on installing compost bins at the Schildt Park Community Gardens. Lauren is working to achieve her Gold Award. She recently performed a survey with current gardeners and received favorable results. Her initial plan would be to construct six bins on the south-east educational plot. The Sustainability Committee would then be responsible for monitoring their status, renting/checking them out, and dealing with any possible issues. Park Commissioners complimented her on her presentation.
Commissioner Beson made a motion to approve the installation of compost bins at Schildt Park, and Commissioner Sylvester seconded. All approved, motion passed.
- B. Financial Assistance Application:** *Commissioner Beson made a motion to approve the Financial Assistance Request as submitted. Commissioner Kurer seconded. All agreed; motion approved.*
- C. Election of the 2023/2024 Chairperson:** Commissioner Sylvester nominated Commissioner Beson for the 2023/2024 Chairperson position, Commissioner Otto seconded. Commissioner McCoy nominated Commissioner Kurer for the 2023/2024 Chairperson position. Commissioner Sylvester seconded. A paper ballot was given to commissioners to vote. Votes were in favor of Commissioner Beson.
Commissioner Sylvester made a motion to approve Jim Beson as the 2023/2024 Chairperson; Commissioner Kurer seconded. All approved, motion passed.
- D. Election of the 2023/2024 Vice-Chairperson:** Commissioner Beson nominated Commissioner Sylvester for the 2023/2024 Vice-Chairperson position. Commissioner McCoy seconded.
Commissioner Beson made a motion to approve Kathy Sylvester as the 2023/2024 Vice-Chairperson; Commissioner McCoy seconded. All approved, motion passed.

CORRESPONDANCE:

- Withheld Security Deposit: A letter in regards to a May rental was reviewed.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Otto motioned, seconded by Commissioner Sylvester, to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 6:55PM. Motion carries unanimously.

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2023, at the Municipal Complex, 2000 Municipal Drive, Neenah, at 6:00PM.

Sincerely,



Kathy Sylvester
Vice Chairperson - Village of Fox Crossing Park Commission