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PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

September 14, 2023

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

Staff Present: Director Amanda Geiser

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The Commission meeting was held at the Municipal Complex, 2000 Municipal Dr., Neenah, and was called to order by Commissioner Beson 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 August 9, 2023, regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Patel motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Sylvester. Motion carries.

PUBLIC FORUM

- None

DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION

- Discount Ticket Program: The total figures from the 2023 program were reviewed. This was the best year in terms of sales and tickets sold. Due to credit card processing fees, a brief discussion ensued as to whether or not purchases should be allowed by using credit cards in the future. The staff will try to review approximately how much the department paid in fees this summer.

REPORTS

- A. Park Report: Accepted as written.
B. Recreation Report: Accepted as written.
C. Director Report: Accepted as given.
D. Commission Reports:
• Commissioner Beson: Mentioned he mowed areas at Gant Park and Butte des Morts Park. He also installed a small culvert by the trail at Butte des Morts Park.
• Commissioner Kurer: Asked what if there are any dedicated pickle ball court plans for the future.
• Commissioner Otto: Questioned why the Friendship Trail between CB and Irish Rd. was closed. He also mentioned that he has talked to the fiber project manager and he said they are dealing with some rocky conditions near O'Hauser Park.
• Commissioner McCoy: No Report
• Commissioner Patel: No report
• Commissioner Sylvester: No report
• Commissioner Wollerman: Not report

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Suburban Athletics Storage Facility: Commissioner Sylvester made a motion to enter into an agreement which will allow Suburban Athletics to construct a storage facility at O'Hauser Park, so long as Suburban Athletics works

with Village Staff, ensures the necessary steps are followed and receives the necessary permits. Commissioner Kurer seconded.

Director Geiser detailed a request made by Suburban Athletics Inc. (SAI) to construction a storage shed at O'Hauser Park. In an effort to continue improving O'Hauser Park, and specifically Larsen Field, SAI plans to remove the current dugouts. The club indicates they are short on storage space and once the dugouts have been removed, they'd like to use the existing 40' x 10' concrete pad under the dugout along the first base line, to add another pad, and construct a 40' x 20' shed.

The Commission had concerns and comments that included:

- Why does the shed need to be so large?
- SAI's numbers have been declining and Larsen Field has sat empty for a long time.
- Along with removing the dugouts, all of the current fencing should also be removed.
- The placement of a storage shed right by the field seems odd (back side of shed is along fence line).
- Is there a better spot in the park for this?
- What is the plan for drainage as it appears the area slopes towards the field?
- Larsen Field is currently an eyesore, what is the plan for future use?
- SAI should consider looking for a more centrally located facility between all of their locations.
- If the club is looking to store more concessions in the current stand it should be more pest-proof than it is right now.

It was an overall recommendation that Director Geiser meet with SAI leadership to discuss the Commission's concerns and suggest the club return with a more detailed plan, including a proposed drawing of the facility.

The motion was put to a vote and failed 0-7.

B. Adopt-A-Trail: *Commissioner Otto made a motion to approve the Adopt-A-Trail Request made by the Division of Community Corrections Region 4. Commissioner Patel seconded. All agreed; motion passed.*

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Otto motioned, seconded by Commissioner Sylvester, to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 7:13PM. Motion carries unanimously.

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2023, at the Municipal Complex, 2000 Municipal Drive, Neenah, at 6:00PM.

Sincerely, 

Jim Beson
Chairperson - Village of Fox Crossing Park Commission