

Village of Three Oaks Parks and Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2020

Call to Order: 7:05 pm

Present: Joan Brown, Marlene Kramer, Larry Shawver, Tyler Ream, Debbie Schutt

Absent: Gigi Carroll, Becky Thomas

Attending: Dan Faulkner; Village Manager

Approval of Minutes March 2, 2020 and May 4, 2020 / Agenda June 1, 2020

Motion by Marlene Kramer, Second by Debbie Schutt, motion passed.

Public Comment: None

Unfinished Business:

- Watkins Park:
 - Watkins Park Grant Application has been submitted for final approval. Expecting word on our application in October or November. May be delayed due to pandemic.
- Chamberlain Path:
 - Work has commenced- projected completion by June 15. Orange tape around the area now. Path is in. Dan Faulkner - Concrete started, waiting on bike rack delivery.
 - Taking a look at water service.
 - There is a sewer cleanout there - it may belong to a neighboring building.
 - Two different electric meters exist along the pathway. One on generations drive, one in the middle of the park. Discussion of combining them so the village has just one bill and lower monthly fees. P&R feels both should be kept for now in lieu of possible increased outdoor usage of that area for events.
- Warren Plaza: Status of placard/stand
 - Placard not installed yet. Dan checking with Suzanna on status of project.
- Budget: draft review of 2020/2021 Budget
 - Full review of P&R budget
 - Looking into why there's \$5,000 earmarked for operating costs. Year to date \$498 spent on operating supplies, but all summer ahead of us.
 - May increase capital improvements total from 100k to 150k for Watkins Park project
 - Professional fees attributed to a lot of work with Abonmarche.
- Harbor County Hikers – request re: benches
 - Looking into Pat Fischer request for benches to be put back along Hodely Trail. Larry looking into this further.
- Carver Park: (hedge)
 - Looking into funding for putting hedge in along parking lot. Cars often overhang into the park from parking lot. Cement blocks may need to be placed in lot. Parking lot may not be wide enough. Hedge may need to be placed in a little ways to allow cars to overhang.
- Dewey Cannon: Status of request to Village by Acorn Theater for use.
 - Acorn theatre looking into having their event in the space behind their building. Liquor in the park idea met with resistance in Village Board. They did not vote on it, but asked Acorn to look into a different location.
 - Music in the park often has alcohol present under the radar. This may be worth something looking into. Everyone is quiet and thoughtful at these events, but worth noting.
- Dillard Park:

- Sunflowers planted and growing in the back beds. Marlene and Tyler both planted some. Doing well so far.
- Township Report –
- Report –Community Garden –
 - Garden looking great. Sounds as though all beds are rented out. No movement on Village/Township collaboration. Running good as is for now, but need to pay attention to who is upkeeping it going forward. Well funded and well kept for now.
 - Village pays some money to the garden. How does that money get there?

New Business

Public Comment:

- Tyler - raised idea of Parks and Rec members selling sunflowers grown at Dillard Park at farmer's markets for donations to the Parks and Rec fund.

- Dan Faulkner - mini flag day parade planned for Friday June 5th. Street closure from Village Hall down to Linden. Speaker at Legion, speaker at Village Hall. Flyover. Very short less than a half hour. Legion color guard marches and fires guns. Seniors in cars driving down the street to celebrate graduation. WNDU virtual parade being created for June 14th.

- Larry has been present for the meeting via audio, but suddenly appears via video and everyone is happy to see his smiling face.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn at 7:43 by Larry Shawver, 2nd by Debbie Schutt. Motion passes.

Next meeting July 6, 2020