

Village of Three Oaks Parks and Recreation Committee
MEETING MINUTES
September 14, 2020

Call to Order: 7:01 pm

Roll Call for members present: Joan Brown: here Gigi Carroll: here Marlene Kramer: here
Larry Shawver: (arrived at 7:13, login trouble) Tyler Ream: here Debbie Schutt: here Becky
Thomas: (not present)

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

Absent: Becky Thomas

Attending: Dan Faulkner; Village Manager

Approval of Minutes August 3, 2020 / Agenda September 14, 2020

Motion by Tyler Ream, Second by Debbie Schutt

Roll call vote to approve: Joan Brown: yes Gigi Carroll: yes Marlene Kramer: yes

Larry Shawver: Tyler Ream: yes Debbie Schutt: yes Becky Thomas:

Minutes and agenda approved.

Public Comment: None

Unfinished Business:

- Carver Park:
 - Concrete walkway planning - Dan: DPW finished walkway from handicap parking spot to the pavilion. Handicap ramp and signs are completed. Joan & Marlene noted it's looking great.
 - Maps in Kiosk - Dan: project in progress. Considering keeping updated minutes and agendas in this kiosk with the maps.
 - Joe Hinman planted flowers and put down some mulch around the Carver memorial statue. Joan mentioned there was a plan to plant poppies around the fallen soldier statue. This would represent the "field of poppies" WWI battlefield.
- Chamberlain Path:
 - Project Completed
- Dewey Cannon:
 - Dan: 4 picnic tables were added to Dewey Cannon. Looking good and being used by the public. (two more were placed at Watkins and one behind Village Hall)
- Dillard Park:
 - Tyler : Sunflowers in the back bed did ok this year. Some did better than others because of water retention in the beds.
- Warren Plaza:
 - Placard/Stand Dan : Placard/Stand have been ordered. No new updates at this time. The company that the placard and stand are coming from will install them for us.
- Watkins Park:
 - Watkins Park and Grant Application Revisions: Dan: Preliminary score for our grant application is 240/500. We need a score of at least 250 to get the \$50,000 grant. Will revise application to reflect a wider walkway and add one more ADA parking spot to increase our score. This will likely cost an additional \$8,000-\$10,000. We asked the Pokagon fund to match \$50,000 for this project. They approved \$42,000 for the project.

- o Hoadley Trail wetlands project - Dan: Attorney determined the land was donated as a park. It would be tough to change that designation. Village Council is hesitant to repurpose the designated land. Attorney Hilmer still looking into this.
- Township Report -
- Public Restrooms - discussion postponed
- Picnic Tables - (discussed in Dewey Cannon section)

New Business

Public Comment:

Ball Park Lease Renewal with Legion Post 204 - Dan: Village has been mowing, maintaining gravel, lights etc. for the ballpark. We had a 30 year lease (\$1 per year) where we were leasing the ballpark from the legion and maintaining it. The lease agreement ended last year. No new lease was put into effect, but the village has continued to maintain it.

Gigi raised the question of why the Village is maintaining the Legion's Ballpark, but not the Village's sidewalks. Dan noted that the Village Council is currently looking into changing the Village's sidewalk ordinance so that the Village may take over sidewalk maintenance from homeowners. Joan stated that the sidewalk issue is not under the purview of the P&R board, but we need to talk more in the future about how to handle the ballpark. Local groups regularly use the ballpark and depend on the Village to continue to maintain it.

**Motion for the Village to start a new 3 year lease of the ballpark from Legion Post 204 by Tyler Ream.
Motion Seconded by Larry Shawver.**

Joan Brown: abstained Gigi Carroll: yes Marlene Kramer: yes Larry Shawver: yes Tyler Ream: yes
Debbie Schutt: yes Becky Thomas:

Notes from Dan :

1. Plan for woodchip spreading next year. Looking for volunteers.
2. Rock & Reed in South Haven is interested in the Dewey Cannon Trading Company. They're interested in expanding their business and potentially getting involved with the Apple Cider Century next year.
3. Carver Park Pavillion was in need of a new varnish. This had to be approved and done quickly before the weather turned so the Village Council went ahead and approved \$3,600 for this project.

Note from Joan: We need to start checking to see if the Christmas lights are still operational for the holiday season.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Marlene Kramer, Second by Larry Schawver.

Joan Brown: yes Gigi Carroll: yes Marlene Kramer: yes Larry Shawver: yes Tyler Ream: yes
Debbie Schutt: yes Becky Thomas:

Meeting adjourned at 7:40
Next meeting: October 5th 7:00pm