

VILLAGE OF WALWORTH MEETING OF THE PARKS COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, NOV 20, 2024 AT 5:30 PM AT WALWORTH VILLAGE HALL

MEETING AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Arlene Vorpapel, committee chair at 5:35 pm
2. **ROLL CALL** – Committee members present Perry Weborg, Cara Pfeiffer, Arlene Vorpapel and Dana Goheen, Big Foot Rec District Rep Dean Connley, Public Works Committee Rep Bob Ball and Village President Louise Czaja.
3. **APPROVAL of OCTOBER 23, 2024 PARK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:** Motion by P Weborg, 2nd by B Ball, minutes unanimously approved.
4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS WELCOMED** – No guests present.

DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

5. **VILLAGE BOARD, CLERKS OFFICE, PUBLIC WORKS DEPT REPORTS** (all Village news pertaining to parks)

Village News – Report given by Village Pres L Czaja on the Nov 11, 2024 meeting of the Village Board.

- A Vorpapel gave a presentation to the Board on the Badger Park, Little Woods project and the Grazing Goats.
- The 2025 Public Works Budget (for Parks) was approved. There will be a public hearing on the proposed budget for 2025 on December 2, 2024.

Impact Fees, TIF Funds

- Available Impact Fees are now reported to be \$47,428.80 available as of Nov 20, 2024. \$3,975.00 will expire by June 2029.
- There will be a Board meeting with the Village attorney to interpret required stipulations for Impact Fee usage.
- TIF District expenditures budget requires Board to review and approve.
- Do Impact Fees apply to all parks or certain parks only? – L Czaja will check with other municipalities to see how they are spending their impact fees.

Public Works Dept

PW Committee Oct 28, 2024 Meeting Report by Bob Ball

- The PW Dept continues to be understaffed as Matt Nickels position is still open. Position was posted October 25, 2024.
- PW Dept Rep Chris Holt – not in attendance

2025 Budget

- Review Priority List for top items to request Impact fees be used. If items can be paid with impact fees, then this will free up budgeted funds for additional priorities.
- Wall pack lights can be less expensive if PW installs them. P Weborg will check out the lights at Devils Lane bathroom building to see if they are the most suitable lights for the park pavilions.

- Can our pavilion bulbs be changed to LED? To be discussed with Chris Holt or Shannon Hammond of PW.

6. REC DEPT NEWS - D Connley

- Rec Dept Activity Guide deadlines; dates needed to submit park activities in the Rec Activity Guide.
- Fine Arts – One Night in Memphis performance is Sold Out!
- Ginger Bread House program is sold out!
- January – May Activity Guide is coming out soon.
- 2024 - 293 Day Campers (131 wk), Fitness Center – 17,886 visits with 931 residents

7. PROJECT UPDATES (Ongoing projects will remain on agenda until they reach completion)

- Volleyball Pits – 2025 Budget – No news at this time.
- Rotary Park Sledding Hill – Park Committee members are reminded to check out Rotary Park for winter activities.
- Badger Park - Little Woods – Grazing Goats completed clean out. Volunteer work day did a great job. More to be done in the spring. We will look at options to consider for defined trails in the little woods.
- Project Daffodils – Jan 22, 2025 Richard Rasmussen will speak at the Park Committee meeting.
- Devils Lane Flower Clean Out – Volunteers needed to pull out the dead petunias at SW and NE corners of the park. Possibly Nov 23. Bring garbage bags if volunteers can work that day.
- Rotary Park Ice Rink – Cracks filled and blacktop sealed thanks to private donations from David Rasmussen. Everyone signed a thank you to Mr. Rasmussen.
- Dog Park – Wal Co dog parks nearest to Walworth: Park Committee members are asked to visit the various dog parks and rate them, as time allows. This information will then be shared with Walworth residents until the dog park option can be further researched for feasibility.

9. PARK EVENTS/REPORTS

- Quartz Funding Opportunity – D Connley will review and report back if its viable for Walworth Parks.
- Park Use Evaluation Standardize Forms Implement in 2025
- City-Wide Rummage Sales Sat, Aug 2, 2025 Committee needed.
- Park Brochure – Winter project by A Vorpapel, D Connley, D Goheen, we will work on it after the holidays.

10. “CHRISTMAS IN MY HOMETOWN” – D Connley, A Vorpapel and C Pfeiffer report

- Advertised on various Facebook Pages: Walworth County Network, Walworth Wisconsin Neighborhood News and Walworth Community Conversations Facebook group pages.
- Lights on Shelter – Lakes Illumination Technologies, Sean Gilfoy donated the lights to Village for pavilion.
- Lights will be put on the tree Nov 23, 2024. Tree lights were paid for by an anonymous donor.
- Nov 30, 2025 Event: 2:00-4:30 at BFHS for family movie, “Elf”, there will be a Hometown Market of nonprofit and civic groups, live acoustic music and holiday crafting.
- 4:30 – event moves to Devils Lane Park for Santa’s arrival & tree lighting

11. HOUSE DECORATING COMPETITION – C Pfeiffer

- Light Up Walworth – Online QR Code or paper entry option available at Walworth Library. Deadline Dec 9, 2024.
- Need judges & categories
- Judging will take place Dec 15 – 21, Dec 22 the winners will be announced.
- Winners will win the honor of Bragging Rights and an ornament (which will be donated.)

11. ANY OTHER NEWS – Tree City Designation Opportunity

Tree City information – tree replacement program. L Czaja suggested we have Jason Gerdes (owner of wholesale nursery) come to a park committee meeting and give a presentation in February.

- 12. NEXT MEETINGS** 5:30 pm, Wed, Dec 18, 2025 at Village Hall
5:30 pm, Wed, Jan 22, 2025 at Village Hall

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by D Goheen, 2nd by C Pfeiffer, motion anonymously approved, meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Minutes by Dana Goheen

Park Committee Approved 12/18/2024