

VILLAGE OF WALWORTH MEETING OF THE PARKS, RECREATION AND OUTDOOR COMMITTEE
Thursday, May 29, 2024, 5:30 PM at the Walworth Village Hall, 227 N. Main St., Walworth, WI 53184

MEETING MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Matt Tanner called the meeting to order at 5 pm.
2. **ROLL CALL** Attending: Matt Tanner, Perry Weborg, Dana Goheen, Cara Pfeiffer and Arlene Vorpapel. Also, Dean Connley from BF Recreation District, Village President Louise Czaja and Public Works Ops Mgr Mat Nickels. Citizen present: Liz Lockner attending.
3. **APPROVAL of APRIL 11, 2024, APRIL 30, 2024 AND MAY 9, 2024 PARK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**
① C Pfeiffer, ② D Connley, unanimously agreed to approve April 11, April 30 and May 9, 2024 meeting minutes as presented.
4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS WELCOMED**
Liz Lockner of Fairview Drive spoke about her concerns related to the parks;
 - 1) locked park bathrooms. Mgr M Nickels reports that park facilities are now (seasonally) unlocked. There have been some issues with vandalism though.
 - 2) Devils Lane Clean Up Day – good job done here. Others are needed.
 - 3) Volleyball courts at Toynton Park are unusable but should be brought back so residents can enjoy them once again.

DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

5. **VILLAGE BOARD AND PUBLIC WORKS MEETING NEWS** – reviewed May 13, 2024 meeting, Board approved hiring outside landscaping work in Heyer Park as well as preparing the ground for installing the new park signs at all locations.

Available Funds from TIF district and Impact fees. Reported at Jan 8, 2024 Board Meeting:

TIF district: 2021 estimated balance, \$101,185 – The budget for the TIF district needs to be worked on.
Park impact fee balance, \$47,619.80.

b) **Public Works Meeting** May 27, 2024 - M Tanner, M Nickels reported.

c) **BF Rec Dept** - D Connley There has been low enrollment in Rec Dept events at the BF District parks.
Jan 27: Ray-Mar Park, Sharon sledding, Feb 24: Rotary Park Floor Hockey, March 16 Duck Pond 9-hole Frisbee Golf, April 11 Pioneer Park Rock Painting, May 23: Devils Lane Park water balloon relay and other games, June 20 Duck Pond Frisbee, July 25 Devils Lane Park fly kites, Aug 20 Reid Park for bubbles, chalk, and parachutes. PLUS summer camp planned at Rotary Park for Floor Hockey Camp, Grades 2 – 6, Mon – Fri, July 12, 24 & 26

6. **PARKS SIGNS** – M Nickels will look into regulatory signs. All agreed, to the following info:
Version 1: PARK RULES OPEN: SUNRISE TO SUNSET, NO OPEN INTOXICANTS WITHOUT PERMIT, NO LITTERING, PETS MUST BE LEASHED
Version 2: PARK RULES OPEN: SUNRISE TO SUNSET, NO OPEN INTOXICANTS WITHOUT PERMIT, NO LITTERING, NO PETS ALLOWED
The Public Works budget can cover the cost of the signs. M Nickels will also investigate the cost of dog waste stations.

7. **DEVILS LANE PARK CLEAN-UP** MAY 11, 2024 Recap/review/evaluate

Agreed it went well for a first-time event and we should plan to do it again but start planning earlier to better promote in the community.

8. **PARK ASSESSMENTS - REVIEW TOP TEN PRIORITIES - Progress Report by M Nickels**

9. **ROUND 2 ASSESSMENTS – PLAYGROUNDS**

Playground Assessments Progress Reports – Please get your reports to A Vorpapel to accumulate and provide a M Nickels.

Badger - M Tanner, C Pfeiffer, Devils Lane - P Weborg, D Goheen, Toynton - D Connley, A Vorpapel Findings reviewed. Discussion on replacement of mulch under playground equipment. From a safety, manageability and durability standpoint, M. Nickels suggests that the rubber mats are the way to go. They are starting to show up in neighboring communities. Funding will be needed for mats.

10. **PLANNERS FOLLOW-UP REPORTS**

Jurg's Greenhouse/Jim Jurgenson - A Vorpapel reported no response/feedback from Jim.
Perfectly Potted - D Connley – Advisory input available. No plants available.

10. **UW-Madison CAPSTONE PROJECT REPORT - A Vorpapel**

Ⓜ D Goheen to create a subcommittee to work on application. Ⓜ A Vorpapel seconded, unanimously approved. A Vorpapel, D Goheen and C Pfeiffer volunteer for the application committee.

11. **QUICK TURNAROUND PROJECTS**

- Disc Golf - M Tanner and P Weborg discussed equipment, course, and McHenry Co Conservation District's disc golf popularity. Disc golf is currently available at Fontana's Duck Ponds. There is some use but no structured leagues there. M Tanner will obtain costs. Badger Park may be good location.
- P Weborg also said bags game is available in Cary, IL. He will look for more info on that.
- Existing volleyball courts need replacement sand. Village residents have requested attention to these courts last year and again this year.
- Horse shoes, ladder ball, additional benches, picnics tables and others may be considered as well.

14. **PARK COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT**

D Connley has accumulated some ideas and agrees to work on this project. If completed on time, the Park Committee Mission Statement will likely be a part of the CAPSTONE Application.

15. **PARK RESERVATIONS**

Tabled to next meeting.

16. **UP-COMING PROJECTS/EVENTS** Tabled to next meeting

17. **ADJOURNMENT** Ⓜ M Tanner, Ⓜ D Connley, unanimously approved to adjourn at 7:40 pm.

Next meeting 5:30 pm, Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at the Village Hall.

Submitted by
Arlene Vorpapel