

VILLAGE OF WALWORTH MEETING OF THE PARKS, RECREATION AND OUTDOOR COMMITTEE

Wednesday Sept 4, 2024, 5:35 pm at Badger Park Pavilion, 150 Badger St, Walworth, WI 53184

MEETING MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Chairperson Arlene Vorpapel called the meeting to order at 5:50 pm, Wed, Sept 4, 2024 at Badger Park.
2. **ROLL CALL** - Park Committee Dana Goheen, Cara Pfeiffer, Perry Weborg, and Arlene Vorpapel, Public Works Committee Representative Bob Ball, Public Works Operations Manager Mat Nickels, and Village President Louis Czaja attending. BF Rec representative Dean Connley has excused absence.
3. **APPROVAL of JULY 31, 2024 PARK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES** – Motion by C Pfeiffer, 2nd by D Goheen, July 31, 2024 meeting minutes unanimously approved.
4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS** - No citizens/guests in attendance.
5. **VILLAGE BOARD, CLERKS OFFICE, PUBLIC WORKS DEPT REPORTS**
 - a) **Village News** - pertaining to parks as reported by Pres L Czaja
 - i) Grazing Goats at Oak Knolls and other locations – Park Committee met at Oak Knolls pasture to visit the grazing goats. 42 goats will be here for 4 weeks. Next year other options for the goats include Windmill Lane retention pond, Meadow Lane retention pond also in the Windmill Prairie development, outlying area of Toynton Park and the Badger Park little woods.
 - ii) Village Board Mtg Aug 12, 2024 - swings and benches painted at Devils Lane Park.
 - iii) Impact Fees, TIF Funds expiration dates of all - auditors hired, continue to request updated, correct balance on both as well as expiration dates. In 2006, Badger Park development brought Impact Fee of \$495/dwelling, expiration in 2026.
 - iv) Village Property - vacant (approx. 1 acre) lot at 301 N Main Street has interest from potential buyer. Do we sell or keep as a neighborhood park? Ideas/options: BFHS Plant Study, Gardens, ADA & Sensory playground, Outdoor Learner Center, just a few of countless options that would provide added value to the Village.
 - v) Quartz Health Grant Info (see handout) – Louise will check on the link to the correct information.
 - b) **Clerk's Office Community Calendar** - no report in D Connley's absence.
 - c) **Public Works Dept** - M Nickels
 - i) PW Aug 26, 2024 Meeting Report – Corn & Brat was ok; orange cones now at Devils Lane Park due to damage to the (plastic) in-ground electrical boxes that need to be repaired/replaced.
 - ii) Park Regulatory Signs Update - PW received the signs. They will be installed when time allows.
 - iii) Heyer Park Lights Update - It is assumed the Village owns the lights but still seeking confirmation of that.
 - iv) Toynton Park Softball Use – Southern Lakes Girls Fastpitch League continues to use Toynton Park. They will be asked to meet with the Park Committee during their off season. The league has added a batting cage to the park and our Public Works Dept moved their storage container as they requested.

Previous donation of player benches made by Jeff Forsythe; Jeff would like it on record to return the benches if they are not used (at any time in the future) so he can repurpose them for other community/civic use.

v) Rotary Park – The garbage coral has been removed from the entrance and benches installed to protect the utility covers. Project has been completed. (Note: it looks great!)

vi) Any Other Updates

- Pet waste stations cost approximately \$150-\$250. Would like to add 2-3 stations to the 2025 budget for Badger Park.
- L Czaja shared that the Fontana Garden Club provided the paint for the “Welcome to Walworth” signs. M Nickels will handle when signs can be taken down and painted inside during the winter.

6. ASSESSMENTS

Park and Playground Assessments, playground equipment mold at Toynton Park and any other updates by M Nickels - No change or news at this time.

7. REC DEPT NEWS - D Connley

In Dean’s absence, Touch-a-Truck is Sat, Sept 14 from 10 am to 12 Noon at BFHS

8. UW-MADISON CAPSTONE PROJECT REPORT - A Vorpapel

8/1/24 application submitted to UW-Madison and receipt confirmation was received. Today was the first day back at school so students will begin reviewing all applications. Results should be announced by mid-Sept.

9. PARK COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

Pres L Czaja reported that the Park Committee “Proposed” Mission Statement is on the Village Board agenda for action on the Mon, Sept 9, 2024 Board meeting.

10. PROJECT UPDATES

a) **Volleyball Pits** - M Nickels Village vendor and estimate, D Connley - Fontana’s info

D Connley provided info from Fontana PW – Fontana’s volleyball pit sand is from Rock Quarry in Whitewater. It is beach sand. Cost: \$300-\$400 per truck.

M Nickels estimates 4-6 truckloads will be needed for an approximate cost of \$2,500. Will be added to 2025 Budget list.

b) **Sledding in Rotary Park Consideration** – M Nickels

- N/A

c) **Badger Park Discussion** - Little Woods - D Goheen

- Schedule a work day in early November. Ask for volunteers from the schools.
- Could the goats graze in the woods? P Weborg has seen goats clean wooded areas before with great success.
- M Nickels will be available for budget review and develop a plan.
- Following adjournment D Goheen and L Czaja walked the paths that already exist in the Little Woods.

d) **Badger Park: park vs conservancy** – A Vorpapel, L Czaja

A Vorpapel reviewed the 2006 grant application for the Badger Park Conservancy and Trail and learned that the trail and the Public Works Dept and land south of PW is the conservancy. The groomed area is defined as the park.

e) **Project Daffodils** - A Vorpapel

Schedule Richard Rasmussen for Park Committee Meeting in January 2025.

11. PARK EVENT REPORTS

a) **Rotary Corn & Brat Festival Aug 3, 2024**

Follow-Up Evaluation of Devils Lane Park

- Mow park lawn closer to the date of the event
- M Nickels worked with Ed Heyer (Rotary Club) to prepare for the corn brat event.
- Ruts left in grass/dirt from trucks and trailers could not be avoided due to the rain just prior to the event.

b) **Future Evaluation Forms** – tabled to next meeting.

c) **City-Wide Rummage Sales** - A Vorpapel

2025 – Sat, Aug 2 is next year's corn brat event; we will establish a Rummage Sales Committee to grow and improve city-wide rummage sales program in 2025.

d) **Christmas Committee** - C Pfeiffer, D Connley

Recruit Community Support/Participation (Cassandra Layton, Peg Hubertz)

- C Pfeiffer will schedule a meeting.
- A Vorpapel – Possible donations of trees to decorate and light in Heyer Park
- Welcome donations from private individuals, local businesses or Countryside Trees, Walworth

e) **Park Brochure** – A Vorpapel, D Connley, D Goheen

Work will begin on this brochure during the winter months

12. NEXT MEETING 5:30 pm, Wednesday, Sept 25, 2024 at the Village Hall

13. ADJOURNMENT - Motion by L Czaja, 2nd by P Weborg, unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Minutes submitted by D Goheen, 9/16/2024