



**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** T. Maier, D. Wroblewski, J. Hewitt, B. Eaton, R. Hansen, M. Pierce

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**VILLAGE BOARD MEMEBERS PRESENT:** S. Havn

Staff: J. Svoboda, B. Sasse, K. Wahlen

**1. Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by T. Maier.

**2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes**

R. Hansen motioned to accept the October 17<sup>th</sup> 2013 minutes and D. Wroblewski seconded. M. Pierce abstained as he was not present for the October meeting.

**3. Trustee/ Staff Reports**

Trustee Havn was present and stated that he would like the Park and Recreation Advisory Board to look into honoring individuals who have made an impact on the Village's, either in the parks department or the Village overall. He stated that instead flowers or some other type of monetary gesture, a tree or bench maybe more fitting. T. Maier suggested that the parks board come up with a list of potential items that can be used to honor or recognize individuals who have made an impact in the Village. J. Pulda stated that naming rights to our new future ball fields or shelters were an option. B. Eaton suggested that an appropriate list should be drafted and approved by the board with potential costs that can be given to families or individuals willing to donate or want to donate. He stated that this does not make the park's board look foolish when we do get approached about donors and recognition items.

J. Pulda was present to mention changes made to the website and asked what the future of the Village website will be. K Wahlen stated that in the 2014 budget are funds to improve the current website and this will in turn help promote the Village more. J. Pulda stated that his clinics were well attended and that he was planning for 2014 recreation items and programs.

J. Hewitt stated that \$100,000 was restored back into the parks budget and that all park rental fees' now are to stay within the parks budget beginning in 2014.

**4. General Item Discussion**

**a. Park fee's 2014-** J. Svoboda stated that after during a cost comparison on what the Village currently charges for park shelter rentals compared to nearby municipalities, and the fact that now all rental fees stay within the parks budget, an increase was suggested. M. Pierce motioned to increase the Stuart McBride shelter rental to \$100.00 and to leave the shelter fee's at Smolenski Park the same for 2014. B. Eaton seconded. Motioned passed. B. Eaton asked if



the parks budget see's the revenue from the farm land at the compost site. J. Svoboda stated that he knows the farm revenue for Smolenski Park is part of the parks budget; however as far as the compost site he does not believe so. B. Sasse stated he would look into the matter and report back. T. Maier asked if the compost site was future park land and B. Eaton asked that the future Park and Open space Plan include the compost site. J. Svoboda stated that he would also look into the fee that the YMCA pays for use of Smolenski Park to ensure it covers all the costs associated with their use at the facility.

- b. **Fence at Stuart Mc Bride Park-** R. Hansen expressed concerns he had with the fence opening at Stuart Mc Bride Park along Hwy 11 and potential danger of children wondering onto the road. The fence section was removed to stop debris from holding up the water flow and backing up on to Hwy 11. J. Pulda stated that this area was basically a swamp and that crossing it would be difficult anyhow. B. Sasse stated that he believed it is a non issue and has received no complaints about the opening. T. Maier believed it was a storm water or highway issue. Consensus was to leave the fence opening as it currently is.
- c. **501c3-**B. Sasse stated that he has not heard back from the Ekes concerning the status of our 501c3. Because she is doing the application pro-bono, we may have to budget some funds to this process to get it done. K. Wahlen stated that he would call Ekes and get a status update.
- d. **End of year projects-** T. Maier stated that the parks budget had a small surplus in its maintenance account that she had not been aware of and with a large list of maintenance needs, asked J. Svoboda to comprise a list of possible projects that could still be completed in 2013. Sand at all parks, gravel at Drozd park, and re-roofing the shelter at Stuart McBride where all items with in the \$3500.00 surplus. J. Hewitt motioned to allow staff to request bids for these projects and have them completed before the end of 2013, but not to exceed \$3500.00 in total cost. D. Wroblewski seconded. Motion passed.
- e. **Park District or park fee discussion-**Discussion with no action taken on the possible creation of a Mt. Pleasant Park District. B. Sasse stated that this district could cross community boundaries, be its own governing body and would in turn set and manage its own budget within that district. More research needs to be done, however it maybe a political and referendum issue for early 2014. B. Eaton stated that he is not in favor of bigger government, but would rather see collaboration within departments to better utilize efficiency and monies. He believes this would create a division among departments and less communication. B. Eaton also wanted to thank the Village Board for its contributions towards the parks department and its budget for 2014. S. Havn stated that he would like to see the Park and Recreation Advisory Board be changed to a Commission. He believes it would give them a sense of authority and a more working relationship within the community. S. Havn stated that he would look further into this with K. Wahlen.



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**Public Comment- None**

**Adjourn-**J. Hewitt motioned to adjourn, M. Pierce seconded at 6:26 pm