



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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: M. Pierce

VILLAGE BOARD MEMEBERS PRESENT: S. Havn

Staff: J. Svoboda

1. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by T. Maier.

2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes

J. Hewitt motioned to accept the September 19th 2013 minutes and D. Wroblewski seconded. R. Hansen abstained as he was not present for the September meeting.

3. General Item Discussion

- a. Mt. Pleasant Parks website- T. Maier had expressed an interest in having the Parks have a website that residents could search for events, programs and general info about our Village parks. The current Village website supplies very little and it is hard to navigate through. With the Patch being discontinued it was suggested that we look at alternatives to promote our parks more via social media. J. Hewitt suggested that the video board in the lobby could help promote our parks as well. R. Hansen suggested possible on site surveys or mailed surveys along with the tax or sewer bills. Adding it to the sewer bills could prove costly in additional postage charges. T. Maier suggested possible neighborhood questionnaires.
- b. Pike River Pathway kiosk- Advisory board wants to have the kiosk board on the Pike River Pathway provide more info on our parks. It could be also promote other Village news such as meetings. Highlighting each park on a different month was also suggested. B. Eaton stated that the Pike River Pathway was a regional destination. T. Maier suggested that we place info about the Pike River and our other parks at the local hotels as well.
- c. 5 year Park improvement plan- Handout was presented to members that were prepared by B. Sasse outlining a Capital improvement list as well as maintenance items that need addressing in the next 5 years. This handout was presented at budget time to the Village board. As it stands and upon approval the parks department will see a significant increase in funding for 2014. T. Maier stated that this was a do-over budget and credited staff for getting this done on behalf of the park advisory board. B. Eaton thanked Trustee Hewitt for his role in adding funding to a slim parks budget. T. Maier asked that the topic of a Park District or park fee be added to November's agenda items. April election could be a time to possibly have a referendum on this



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matter. B. Eaton stated that he needs to see the pros and con's of such. All park rental fees' now stay in the parks budget as well. B. Eaton stated that he would not mind having Village departments working together to save on everyone's budget's.

- d. Joint Park updates- J. Svoboda provided the board with the progress of some of the maintenance issues presented at the last Joint Park meeting. He also stated that Caledonia has approved the new Joint Park contract and MP is bringing it to the next Village board meeting. J. Svoboda hopes to have in place at least one more JT. Meeting before years end with the new appointed Joint Park Commission.
 - e. RCOC sign removal- J. Hewitt asked that J. Svoboda contact DPW to have the park sign removed from the RCOC property now that it is no longer associated with our park system. J. Hewitt motioned to have sign removed, R. Hansen seconded.
 - f. 2013 budget update- J. Svoboda will bring before the board an updated year to date budget for the parks to see if funds may still be available to spend in 2013 on a maintenance project within the parks. J. Svoboda will contact M. Benish to have this info made available on a monthly basis as we move into 2014.
- 4. Public Comment-** T. Maier shared with the board a conversation she had with Case High School AD about our future ball diamond plans and how they can possibly work together to achieve a positive outcome for everyone. She was invited to an all district AD luncheon on December 10th and hopes to have positive feedback on a possible collaboration with Racine Unified in some capacity. B. Eaton suggested that we work with Racine County as well as we move forward with our Park Plan as to not duplicate services within the community. T. Maier would like to see Trustee/ Staff reports added back to the agenda as well.
- 5. Adjourn-**J. Hewitt motioned to adjourn, R. Hansen seconded at 5:47 pm