

May 28th, 2015

## PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: T. Maier, D. Wroblewski, J. Hewitt, Bob Eaton, M. Pierce, R. Hansen, Pam Carrey

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED: None

STAFF: B. Sasse, J. Svoboda,

OTHER IS ATTENDANCE: Trustee Havn, Patrick Flynn

1. Roll Call  
The meeting was called to order at 4:01 by T. Maier.
2. Public comment- T. Maier asked for a status of the Smolenski Park farm field. B. Sasse stated he has not heard back from Petersen Farms or the adjacent property owner concerning our ability to allow another farmer to utilize the land for access.
3. Reports- Staff: J. Hewitt stated that the site of the future Polzin Park is now completely cleared and construction will hopefully begin very soon. He mentioned that the businesses in the area have definitely seen a change in attitude in that area of the village. He also wanted to thank Trustee Havn for his continued effort on the Pike River restoration project. J. Svoboda gave a brief update on the Joint Park as well as Kraut Music Fest which is roughly 3 weeks away. Trustee Havn had nothing to report.
4. Lake Park and Stuart McBride playground purchases- J. Svoboda stated that monies have been moved into the proper accounts for the new play equipment that was approved prior. Our selected vendor, Miller and Associates will work with J. Svoboda on layout and installation dates. The goal is to have the equipment installed prior to the beginning of our recreation programs.
5. Lake Park Tot swing damage- J. Svoboda brought in a damaged tot swing that was the results of having the fire department remove a 10 yr old who had gotten stuck in the swing. The swing is meant for children 2 and under. Her parents were present at the time of the incident as well. J. Svoboda stated that he and K. Wahlen, and M. Pierce have discussed what to do as far as recouping damages. A new tot lot swing runs about \$265.00. K. Wahlen had asked that J. Svoboda submit a letter requesting reimbursement for the swing. B. Eaton questioned the community sentiment if we go down that path. It was decided to let the Village Administrator handle the situation at this time. J. Svoboda will report back on this issue.

6. Park District Discussion and update-J. Hewitt stated that the City of Racine has been watching what MP is doing as far a creating a park district. The cost and difficulty have many concerned. Discussion took place about what it would take to even make this happen. Elected board, possible purchase of park lands from the Village, is their community support for this? B. Eaton stated that if we could come up with 5 positives he would be in favor, until then he's on the fence. Trustee Havn stated that this Village Board is more responsive, however he feels the community would not support it because of the costs associated with it. Trustee Havn suggested that we submit a realistic budget for parks for 2016 so a better understanding can be made by the board as a whole. No further action or discussion took place.
7. Pike River Maintenance plan and improvements- B. Sasse stated that a final plan for the park river long term maintenance and improvement plan will be forwarded to the Advisory board for their formal blessing very soon.
8. Memorial bench, tables, tree order- B. Sasse stated that PO's have been done and equipment ordered at this time.
9. Racine Dental Dash 5K- P. Flynn from 5K Events.Org was present to discuss an event he is organizing for Racine Dentals grand opening. Proper paperwork was submitted to the Village, Police and Civic Affairs Committee. B. Eaton asked if the parks where receiving any monies from this event that is taking place on the Village owned path? There is currently no fee schedule set in the Village. B. Eaton suggested a donation from Racine Dental to the parks; P. Flynn stated that an outside organization would be receiving a donation per Racine Dental's request. There was discussion as to the path being left open during the run. It was determined it would be but there would be some disruptions as well. P. Carey motioned to allow 5K Events to host the Racine Dental Dash 5K. B. Eaton seconded and reiterated the donation request.
10. Pike River Pathway/ Bike Path open house and dedication- August 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 has been selected as the date for the grand opening of the Pike River Pathway at Phase 4. More info the come.
11. Adjourn: J. Hewitt motioned to adjourn. B. Eaton seconded. Adjourned at 5:34pm. Next meeting rescheduled to June 25<sup>th</sup> 2015 due to Kraut Music Fest.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. Svoboda- Park Staff