

**VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN  
PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
CONFERENCE ROOM A  
Wednesday, January 14, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:31p.m. by Chair Laszewski.

**I. ROLL CALL:** Chair Laszewski, Commissioners Coulthurst, Knop, Depies. Lieftring (arrived @ 5:38p.m.), Trustee Rep. Kaminski and School Board Rep. Medved. Also present were Director Casperson and Secretary Lemke. Guest included Welsey Carlson.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *Motion by Medved, seconded by Depies to approve the minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.*

**III. PUBLIC INPUT:** Nothing

*Motion by Laszewski, seconded by Kaminski to move to item V., A. Motion unanimously carried.*

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. DONGES BAY ROAD SECTION:** Director Casperson gave an overview of the each new draft of the pathway plans for Donges Bay Road. Each section shows the existing path (gray line) along with the new path (red line). These plans show the layout along with what has to be moved and/or removed.

Further discussion continued.

*Motion by Depies, seconded by Medved to send forward with positive recommendation to the Village Board, the continued Engineering plans showing anywhere from 2 feet to 5 feet or more of separation of the proposed trail segments and replaced trail segments to the proposed pavement of Donges Bay Road. Motion unanimously carried.*

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT:** Wesley Carlson presented his project of building additional bat condominiums and will be installing his donated houses along with the houses that were donated by Girl Scout Troop 2331. Bats can consume up to half their body weight every night by eating mosquitoes. Bats hunt only at night, therefore there should not be any fear in the parks during the daytime. The bats houses will be installed in Schoen Laufen and Alt Bauer Park.

*Motion by Laszewski, seconded by Medved to accept the proposal as presented for the bat houses. Motion unanimously carried.*

*Motion by Laszewski, seconded by Coulthurst to move to item IV., A. Motion unanimously carried.*

**VI. VILLAGE BOARD REPORT:** Kaminski stated that the Fire Department referendum (additional funds for full time staff) has been postponed for April. The Village will not know tax information until this August. We would possibly looking at a referendum for fall of 2015.

**VII. SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:** Medved stated that the district is in the process of compiling classes for summer school. We are looking at expanding to add some advanced classes (AP) and technically classes such as engineering classes. Open enrollment will start in February. There will be an Education Summit coming up on March 20 & 21. The future of education in Germantown will be decided during this time. Everybody is welcome to attend.

**VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**Directors Report**

- 1) **Alt Bauer Parking Lot** – No Update at this time.
- 2) **Spassland Fitness Equipment** – The concrete pad was poured in November. The equipment was approved at the GGF's December meeting. The order was placed with Lee Recreation. The equipment is schedule for delivery & installed this April.
- 3) **CORP Survey** – The Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) survey is officially started. 10,300 postcards will be delivered to all the residents and businesses in the Village. The survey deadline is Monday, February 15.
- 4) **Senior Center** – The Senior Club Advisory Meeting is January 22 at the Senior Center. They will be discussing security cameras, building fees & van replacement options. The Germantown Senior Center will be seeking accreditation from the Wisconsin Association of Senior Centers in 2015.
- 5) **DNR Urban Forestry Grant** – The Park and Recreation Department received a \$5,075.00 grant to be used toward the Village's EAB plan. The grant was from the WI DNR Urban Forestry Grant Program. The funds will be used for ash tree treatments and public education. The grant is a 50% match, which means the Village has to match the \$5,075.
- 6) **Community Tree Management Institute** – Director Justin Casperson will be attending the DNR Community Tree Management Institute February 24 & 25 in Green Lake. This will be the second of a three part series of educational sessions. The institute is put on by the WI DNR and provides practical knowledge & skills essential for effective management of municipal tree programs.
- 7) **The Park at Old Town Inn** – The Village is hosting a public listening session January 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. in Village Hall regarding a possible master plan for Main Street. The master plan is driven by a proposal for a private park behind Old Town Inn. The private park will contain a pavilion, and two cabanas, children's play area, and traditional German architecture. In addition, there will be 200 parking spots added. The owner plans to allow this space for public use and enjoyment during daylight hours, and into the evening for scheduled entertainment with events ranging from live music, car shows, farmer's markets, to ethnic festivals. The owners are asking people to sign a petition in support of the revitalization of this Park, asking the Village Board to approve the use of this land for Park, Recreation, and Entertainment.

**Recreation Report**

- 1) We have 36 programs starting in January and include: Bucketeers, 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Buckets, Group Rock Climbing, Poms, Power/Pixies Poms, Tae Kwon Do, Jiu Jitsu, Yoga Core, Restore Your Core, Group Power, Core & Stretch, Beginners Pilates Mat, Kidsfest, PULSE, More Music Fun, 24 Day Weight Loss Program, Warchix Poms Clinic, Scrapbooking Crop, Sporties for Shorties, Afterschool Volleyball, Learn to Skate, Wood Carving, STEM, Get Your Book Published, Photo Enhancement, Belly Dancing, Dodgeball/Family Dodgeball, Babysitters Training, Indoor Tennis, Archery, Oodles of Art, Winter Gymnastics, Ipad 101, and the Field Trip to Kalahari.
- 2) Programs cancelled due to low enrollment: Total Body Burn, Digital Scrapbooking, Zumba. We combined grades for the Indoor tennis so we can still hold class. The 8:30 a.m. class of archery was cancelled but the 9:45 a.m. class will still run
- 3) Other programs starting in February before the next Commission Meeting: Afterschool Spanish, Basic First Aid for Kids, Clutter Course, Girls Softball Hitting Clinic, Beginning Guitar, Circuit 101, MS Excel, Nutrition, Vitamins & Family Wellness, Know Your Numbers Wellness Class.
- 4) **Teen Trip to Kalahari:** Co-sponsored by Germantown Youth Futures we are running a field trip to Kalahari Indoor Water Park on Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. The trip is for teens in grades 6-12 and openings still exist.
- 5) **Sweetheart Party for Tots:** Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at the Survive Alive House. Program is for parents and their child ages 3-5 years old. Grown-ups bring their special little sweetheart to celebrate Valentine's Day with activities, crafts and snack.
- 6) **Dance Recital:** Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at Kennedy Middle School starting at 6:30 p.m.

**IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF PUBLIC INTEREST:**

- X. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48p.m.

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Shannon Lemke  
Secretary