VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN
PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
February 16, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Coulthurst.

ROLL CALL: Commissioners Leukert, Stapelman, Knop and Trustee Rep. Hudson. Absent and excused were School Board Rep. Borden and Commissioner Depies. Guests included Village Attorney Brian Sajdak. Also present were Director Standridge and Recreation Supervisor Rodger.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: ***Motion by Hudson, seconded by Leukert to approve the minutes from January 19, 2022, as presented. Motion unanimously carried.***

PUBLIC INPUT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS:

DHEINSVILLE PARK LEASE AGREEMENT - REVIEW: Gil went over the few minor changes to the agreement that the Historical Society had wanted. Those changes were discussed with Village Attorney Brian Sajdak and agreed upon.

Hudson questioned who determines a "competing event"? Gil stated that our department would make the discretion on the event as we do the reservations. Adding the word "Public" to item 20, section C to clarify the event. "In addition, the scheduling office will not schedule any type "Public" festivals or "Public" competing type events two weeks prior to the Oktoberfest event."

Motion by Hudson, seconded by Leukert to approve the lease agreement with the insertion of the word "Public" to the agreement as stated. Motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

DATE CHANGE FOR THE MARCH 23, 2022, MEETING TO MARCH 16, 2022: Discussion was held.

KIDS KLUB SUMMER 2022 FEES: Katie stated she is looking at raising fees by $1.00 per day, per participant for Summer. The cost of running the program is increasing as well as Riteway is raising the bus fees for field trips. Hudson questioned if raising fees $1.00 is enough. Coulthurst stated all costs are increasing as well as wages.

Katie stated that she is looking into having a registration fee for Summer Kids Klub.

Motion by Stapelman, seconded by Leukert to approve the Summer Kids Klub fees as stated and adding a $25.00 registration fee.

Discussion continued regarding the registration fee. Hudson questioned if the fee is for per family or per child? Katie indicated that she was looking per child.

Stapelman suggested $35.00 per family of more than 1 or $25.00 for 1 participant.

Hudson suggested $25.00 for 1 participant and $50.00 for a family of 2 or more.

Standridge stated doing $25.00 for 1 participant and $40.00 for a family of 2 or more.

Hudson stated he wants to make sure that the financial backing is available for hiring qualified staff.

Coulthurst - Aye
Leukert - Aye
Stapelman - Aye
Knop - Aye
Hudson - Nay
Depies - absent
Borden - absent

VILLAGE BOARD REPORT: Phil stated at the February 7th Village Board meeting discussion was held regarding the 4th of July committee. January 27th the public meeting was held regarding water service to Richfield. Phil stated the Village does not own equipment that can make skiing/snowshoe paths in our parks. No additional ARPR funds requests have been submitted.

Gil stated that he has since submitted a request on behave of the Park & Recreation Department.

Phil stated he would like to request ARPR funds be used to place "bollards" in our Village parks so that automobiles cannot drive on the paths. There have been multiple vehicles that have been parked by the baseball diamonds and/or sprayground throughout the day/evening.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT: Absent and excused

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:
Requested Roll over monies:

1. I have requested that the $15,000 Capital improvement that was budgeted for 2021 for the feasibility study of Kinderberg park splashpad and playground be rolled over to 2022.
   A. The study will include improvements needed to the pump house and splashpad to keep it functional for several years. Over the past few seasons DPW has spent thousands of dollars replacing pumps, water lines, valves etc, and keep peace mealing the pump room together.

   B. The study will also involve replacing the playground equipment in the park. All the other parks in Germantown playground equipment has been replaced in the last couple of years. Kinderberg playground is the last playground to be

replaced. Current playground equipment is over 20 years old. Different styles of equipment can be shown to the public for input.

2. I have requested out of Program Supplies & expense to roll over $10,000 to have our RecTrac computer program hosted by Vermont Systems. We are currently using their RecTrac program, which costs the department $5100 a year. Having Vermont Systems host our RecTrac will give us a better back up system instead of relying on the clouds, and we won't have to worry about the system shutting down as it typically does on weekends. Also being hosted by Vermont Systems is the company will install updates in the system automatically where as now we have to do that internally.

3. I have requested $1800 rolled over out of the Senior Program expense. These dollars will cover the cost of a six person "player" comedy team from Comedy Sportz Club to perform at the Senior center in August. This program will be a combination Supper and Show with beer and wine (being sold) served. Tickets will be sold between $20 to $25 each. The supper will be a catered event. This program was one as the Director I added to the Senior Center in hopes of attracting more Baby boomers. This was not budgeted for in the 2022 budget originally. I am hopeful to sell 100 tickets which will generate revenue for the center.

Greenspan:

1. MMSD (Milwaukee Sewer District) is interested in purchasing 10 acres of the Lamm Propery off the Goldendale Creek between Freistadt Rd and Maple road. MSW would then let the Germantown Village develop a trail system thru this area

2. MMSD is also interested in purchasing 34 acres of the Weidman Property where a trail system could be developed by the Menomonee River, allowing canoe/kayak access to the river.

Forestry:

1. Watchel tree service was approved by the board to be the official tree consultants that helps with EAB treatment, tree planting, recommendation on trees to plant, care, maintenance and pruning of trees, does training to DPW staff that maintain the trees, and they assist with grants, arbor day, and education programs for arbor day participants.

2. Scott Anderson, DPW, will be getting RFP's out in early March will help give time to attract a decent amount of contractors. Nathan Schuettpelz from Watchel Tree Service will prepare 2022 specs based on the previous numbers from the 2020 treatment class, which should prepare a fairly reasonable estimate. He will have those updated specs to Scott by Friday, March 4. Following the presentation and award in mid-April, we will field verify the correct treatment trees, update measurements, and physically mark the trees with green paint. That updated information will be provided to the selected contractor by April 29, allowing them the opportunity to treat trees through May/early June. This process and these timelines mirror how we have approached this work in the past.

Turf Management:

Meeting with Matt Seban, our turf specialist next week to go over a turf management plan for our parks and ball fields. Includes fertilization, weed control.

Library Programs:

1. Cara Reimer, Outreach Specialist from Germantown Library, wants to work with Parks and Recreation on creating more book programs outside of the library.

    a. Mobile Library- They are launching a mobile Library in May in which they are targeting Richfield and Jackson Communities. But they also want to bring the Mobile Library into our parks and the Senior Center. Work with our summer Kids club program, and create a book club at the Senior Center as well as add books to the library.

    b. Cara would also like to Adapt the Library at the Bell Museum at Dheinsville Park. They would like to go in and clean the library up and her husband is a contractor and he volunteered to do repair work in the library for free. They would like to organize the library and start programs that would attract more visitors.

Programs:

1. Katie Rodger and I have been working on putting together the Music At the Pavilion program this summer. Looking at possibly 7 dates, from July 7th thru August 25th on Thursday nights. Working on trying to line up popular local bands such as Rebel Grace, and Mike Tool Shed Band. Plan to have a beer garden and bring in food vendors as well. This program has seen considerable growth over the past couple of summers

2. I am working with Mary Fiegel, Sr. Center Coordinator on having a Dinner/Comedy night at the Senior Center. Will sell tickets, hoping to draw 100 participants. The Dinner will be catered, and the comedy club is Comedy Sportz Club out of Milwaukee. August 12th (Friday) is our target date. Dinner will be served at 6pm with the show starting at 7pm for a 75 minute comedy show. Have approached the Kiwanis about doing the Beer/wine sales for us. Must be 21 to purchase a ticket (or attend). Hoping to draw Baby Boomers though tickets won't be restricted to that age group.

Youth Organization:

Met with the Germantown Youth Soccer association. These were positive comments made by Justin Latham, President of the Soccer Club
"From the soccer club view, I can share general improvement ideas. What we are looking for is how could we possibly engage with Graef to simply conceptualize what a layout of the soccer fields at Friedenfeld could be with a 3-10 year plan in mind. How we would we phase such improvements? What would timelines look like and estimates of the infrastructure costs? What would GSC need to fund and what could be supported by the village? This is all high level, but with such concepts and estimates, our club could start to prioritize and draft campaign plan options. Starting the dialogue is the goal near term."
So what are potential improvements?

- Electric run to the soccer field (current location of shed or thereabouts.
- Running water / bathrooms (this could be a greater Friedenfeld opportunity that all users of the park could benefit from.
- Fill in "bowl" to NW side for field expansion- Could move P & R Pee Wee and Youth Six soccer program to the "bowl"
- Storm shelter and/or concession structure
- Drainage improvements
- Future turf field (one 11v11 field)
- Indoor "pole building" for indoor fitness and small Sided training (this is aspirational, but more beneficial to us than a turf field in near-term)
- Creating a second entry/exit into and out of the park for the volume of traffic

I am currently trying to set up a virtual meeting between soccer and Craig Huebner and his GRAEF team to begin the conversation.

Recreation Division Report February 16, 2022, Commission Meeting

We have 38 programs starting in February and include: Youth & Little Tykes Martial Arts, Tae Kwon Do, PULSE, Yoga, Babysitters Training, Fire Fighters are Your Friends, Smartphone video editing, Acrylic Painting, Birdhouse Painting, Parent Child basketball, Stream Sampler – School Day off, Cupcake Decorating, Learn to decorate with frosting, Music Fun, Music Fun for Families, Kids Cuisine, Ukulele, Oodles of Art, Knitting 101/102, Crochet 101/102, Basic First Aid for Kids, CPR/AED, Girls Softball Hitting Clinic, Sweetheart Party for Tots, Tot Time, Selling your Home, Cutting the Cord-Controlling Cable & Internet Costs, Mad Science Afterschool Program (3 sites), Mad Science Slime Camp, Tot Workshop – Fizz, Pop, Brew, Zumba, Middle Eastern Dance, The Camera in your Smartphone, and Snowman/Snow Creature Building Contest.

Our 25 ongoing programs are: Irish Dance, Men's Open Basketball, Kids Klub (5 sites), Bucketeers, 1st/2nd Grade Buckets, Hoopsters, Mini Poms, Poms, Power/Pixies/Spark Poms, Sporties for Shorties, Barre Fitness, Afterschool Volleyball (3 sites), Afterschool Legos (4 sites), Learn to Skate, Learn Hockey, Preschool playgroup (3 groups), Story Stretchers, Pickleball.

Programs cancelled due to low enrollment: Knitting 101, Beginning Guitar, Essential Oils, A Healthy You Workshop

Upcoming events include the following:

Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 2nd at Firemen's Park starting at 11:00 a.m. sharp. We could use some volunteers for that day, arrive at Sr. Center at 10:00 a.m. to help hide eggs, hunt is at 11:00 a.m. by 11:30 a.m. we should be cleaned up.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF PUBLIC INTEREST: The next meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:51p.m.

Gil Standridge