

**VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN
PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
March 16, 2022**

Motion by Stapelman, seconded by Leukert to nominate Commissioner Depies as Chair Pro-Term. Motion unanimously carried.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Pro-Tem. Depies.

ROLL CALL: Commissioners Leukert, Stapelman, Knop and Trustee Rep. Hudson. Absent and excused were Commissioner Knop and Chair Coulthurst. Also present were Director Standridge, Recreation Supervisors Heinen and Rodger and Secretary Lemke

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: ***Motion by Hudson, seconded by Stapelman to approve the minutes from February 16, 2022, as presented. Motion unanimously carried.***

PUBLIC INPUT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

SUMMER 2022 FEES & CHARGES – REVIEW & APPROVAL:

Patti went over the changes highlighted in yellow are fee changes and the pink are programs no longer doing.

Motion by Stapelman, seconded by Leukert to approve the Summer 2022 Fees and Charges as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

VILLAGE BOARD REPORT: Phil stated the Jr Warhawk facility use agreement was approved. The Village Board has set goals for the Village which will affect each department. The ARPA funds have been set on what departments/programs are getting moneys. Roads are going to be repair using most of the funding. There will be money for the recreation trail plan to be completed. As well as \$25,000.00 for miscellaneous park projects. The Village is 5yrs behind in planting trees, therefore we are going to complete that project with this funding. \$500,000 will be used for buildings (TBD) and \$250,000 for “COVID” premium pay to pay Village staff.

Depies questioned where the Village is at with providing water to the Village of Richfield. Discussion is still be held. Phil stated there will be a public meeting the week of March 28th.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT: Vacant

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Wisconsin Parks and Recreation Association Conference:

Patti Heinen, Katie Rodger, and myself attended the WPRC conference at Wisconsin Dells February 21st – 24th. The sessions were educational and I believe the three of us came away with ideas for improving our areas moving forward. The sessions were geared towards, Aquatics, Executive, Parks, Recreation and Young Professionals.

This conference also gave me the opportunity to meet other Wisconsin Park and Recreation Professionals and made contacts that can be valuable in the future.

ARPA Funding:

The City Board passed a resolution in this past Mondays meeting that will allow Parks and Recreation to Spend \$30,000 for the Fund Trail Plan, and \$25,000 for Park Improvements which may include the cost for bollards for Kinderberg Park. These funds have to be contracted out by the end of 2024 and spent by 2026. Further discussions on how these funds will be used will be happening at future P & R commission meetings.

Turf Management:

Met with Park Superintendent Scott Anderson and Total Lawn Care owner Matt Seban to discuss a turf management plan for 2022. I have included a copy of this plan for your review. Total Cost for the complete Turf management plan program for 2022 is \$32,610. This funding has been passed by the board as part of P & R budget for 2022

I am also having conversations with Matt about possibly building dug outs for Haupt Strasse baseball park which are badly needed. This funding will come out of the 2022 budget of \$90,000 for baseball field and tennis court improvements and will have to go thru the GGF board.

I am working with Josh Viet of Midwest Athletic Fields to improve the infield conditions at Haupt Strasse Park as well as Friedenfeld baseball field. This funding will come out of the 2022 budget of \$90,000 for baseball field and tennis court improvements. Once I get an proposal then I will take to the GGF board.

Working with Don Witte of Northway Fence to repair outfield and infield fencing at Haupt Strasse Park disposing of old concrete footings and posts. I would also like to furnish and install baseball netting over the existing home plate area and backstop both at Haupt Strasse and Kinderberg ball fields. The purpose is to keep foul balls within the playing field rather than loosing out in the marsh areas. The fencing project will cost approximate \$16,700 which I will have to take the GGF Board.

Splashpad/Playground Feasibility Study:

The \$15,000 that was originally approved in the 2021 budget for a feasibility study of the Kinderberg splash pad and playground was rolled over to the 2022 budget. At the WPRC conference I stopped by and talked to Blake Theisen of Parkitecture + Planning, who designed and constructed the current splash pad and worked closely with the previous Parks Director is interested in being involved with the feasibility study for the Kinderberg Splash Pad and playground

equipment. I would think his knowledge of the splashpad system and upgrades that are currently made to these splashpads would be invaluable to us moving forward and his company would be an excellent choice to assist us with this study. I will continue further discussions and try to get costs for him to conduct this study.

Dheinsville Lease Agreement:

Was passed by the board at March 7th board meeting. I will get with Jim Dix to get the Historical Society signature for file.

Fourth of July Committee:

I will be meeting with this committee Wednesday March 9th at 6pm in VH Boardroom. I will provide this commission with an update from this meeting. I know we are still in need of volunteers.

Knowles-Nelson Grant:

Village Administrator Steve Kreklow and myself met and talked to GRAEF about possible parks and trails grants that we could go after with GRAEF assistance. One such grant due May 1st is the Knowles-Nelson Grant. So Steve authorized Craig Huebner of GRAEF to look into the grant.

The Wilderness Park, 200 acres of undeveloped land the Village owns but considers to be a park fits the criteria for this grant. So on Tuesday March 8th I did a virtual meeting with GRAEF, and representatives of MMSD to talk about the site and the surrounding property that MMSD owns.

Should the grant be approved and we move forward with the project, MMSD said they would have no problem transferring the land to the Village.

With the grant we hope to develop nature walking trails, x-country skiing, bird watching, Eco-park education (interpretive programs), wetland/habitat restoration and a parking lot are some of the features that could be added to park. All usage according to MMSD must be passive.

MMSD did state that dog parks, athletic fields, gazebos, or concrete slabs for pavilions cannot be constructed.

GRAEF is also looking into other grants for future trail development.

Recreation Division Report March 16, 2022 Commission Meeting

We have 23 programs starting in March and include: Learn Magic, Tot Open Gym, Basic First Aid for Kids, Tae Kwon Do, CPR/AED, Fall Prevention, Gymnastics, Youth & Little Tykes Marital Arts, Babysitter's Training, PULSE, Yoga, Firefighters Are Your Friends, Jr. Golf, Adult Golf, Parent Child Basketball, Cupcake Decorating, Learn to frost a cake, Mad Science Slime Camp, Barre Fitness, Band, Digital Photography, Stream Sampler

Our 33 ongoing programs are: Oodles of Art, Miss Julie's Music Fun, Kids Cuisine, Middle Eastern Dance, Ukulele, Girls Softball, Poms (mini, pixies, power, dust, regular classes), Men's Open Basketball, Afterschool Volleyball (3 sites), Afterschool Legos (5 sites), Afterschool Mad Science (3 sites), Kids Klub (5 sites), Learn to Skate, Preschool playgroup (2 groups), Story Stretchers, Pickleball.

Programs cancelled due to low enrollment: Crochet, cookie decorating, Knitting 101

Upcoming events include the following:

Poms Performances: Were held on Tuesday, March 8th at Germantown High School

Dance Recital: Tuesday, March 15th at the Performing Arts Center starting at 6:45 p.m.

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 the shelter 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.

Soccer: The registration deadline is Friday, March 25th. Pee Wee & U6 Soccer will be starting on April 23rd, coach's meeting is set for April 12th to help coaches prepare for their upcoming season.

Summer Registration: Will begin on April 4th for Residents, April 6th for Non-residents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF PUBLIC INTEREST: The next meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30p.m.

Shannon Lemke
Secretary