

**VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN
PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
April 20, 2022**

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

ROLL CALL: Commissioners Leukert, Stapelman, Knop, Chair Coulthurst, Depies (arrived at 5:38p.m.) and Trustee Rep. Hudson.

Also present were Director Standridge and Secretary Lemke

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Motion by Hudson, seconded by Leukert to approve the minutes from April 20, 2022, as presented. Motion unanimously carried.*

PUBLIC INPUT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

BACKSTOP & FENCING PROPOSAL HAUPT STRASSE AND

KINDERBERG: Gil stated there is \$90,000.00 in the budget to repair the tennis and pickleball courts and baseball field improvements at Haupt Strasse and Friedenfeld parks. Gil stated that the baseball groups would like to see the “Magic Mix” for the ball diamonds.

Knop stated that the Haupt Strasse baseball diamond is not the best quality. She stated that she would like to see the full backstop netting.

Hudson questioned with the price for the full netting of \$10,200.00 and \$8,200.00 for partial, if it would be \$2000.00 to complete the project. Gil will need to get answer. Hudson also questioned the 4 to 6 tons of Magic Mix and maintaining the fields in the future, will the department purchase bags for maintenance.

Motion by Hudson, seconded by Stapelman to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$89,851.00 as presented to improve the pickleball and baseball diamonds around the Village of Germantown. Motion unanimously carried.

KINDERBERG FEASIBILITY STUDY: Gil stated \$15,000 was in the budget for the study in 2021 in which the study did not occur. The money was rolled over to the 2022 budget. Gil contacted GRAEF and Parkitecture for their proposal. The study will include replacing the play structure and updating and/or moving the sprayground.

Hudson stated that the Kinderberg Park playground is difficult to access and would like it to be an “All accessible” handicapped accessible playground. Is Kinderberg the right park? Is the playground located in the best area in the park.

Coulthurst stated GRAEF focuses on urban planning and Parkitecture does more case by case planning.

Depies stated that GRAEF is doing a lot of projects with the village, most recently the new Firemen's Park Pavilion. Kinderberg is a destination park. Does Kinderberg Park become the-all inclusion, handicap accessible park? Parkitecture does a lot of work on sprayground structures.

Hudson stated it will be costly to move the sprayground to another location. Germantown needs an all-access playground.

Stapelman stated that Germantown has 4 main parks. Haupt Strasse would be nice for an all-access park as the parking lot is near the playground.

Hudson stated Kinderberg park needs to be updated now.

Motion by Coulthurst, seconded by Stapelman to recommend GRAEF as the group to go with because of their approach on the overall planning Village wide.

Rollcall vote:

Aye:

Leukert

Stapelman

Coulthurst

Nay:

Depies

Knop

Abstain:

Hudson

HAUPT STRASSE BASEBALL INFIELD LANDSCAPING: See above. Magic Mix will be installed as well as the "Jox Box" for the batter's box. First and third base sideline fencing will be repaired. The dugout roof will be repaired and add partial back stop netting will be installed.

KINDERBERG & HAUPT STRASSE TENNIS/PICKLEBALL COURT REPAIRS: See above

APPLICATION RESOLUTION FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT: Gil stated MMSD is in discussions with landowners. The grant application process is on hold.

VILLAGE BOARD REPORT: Hudson apologized for spending \$6000.00 of the Park & Recreation Department ARPA funds for expanding the July 4th fireworks display. Hudson would like to see the event grow from previous years to maybe include a fun run and be a weekend celebration. The Village contracted with GRAEF to borrow money for TID #7. There is \$700,000.00 in bonds for path development.

The Village Board is founding a Non-Profit corporation, separate from the Village Board called "Celebrate Germantown Wisconsin". It will be a 501-c3 to raise funds for celebrations in our community. Hudson has been appointed to the commission for another year.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT: Vacant

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Fourth of July Committee:

The Fireworks contract with Wolverine Fireworks Display will be proposed before the board on Monday night for final approval. The fireworks will cost \$18,500 this year, up 30% from past. The 4th of July Committee has requested \$50,000 in funding from the Tourism Commission to pay for the fireworks as well as other items such as port a potties, lighting, bands, parade etc. Parks and Recreation along with the Library is paying for bouncy houses and Face painting/balloon artists out of our budget. I know we are still in need of volunteers.

Knowles-Nelson Grant:

GRAEF attempted to apply for a Knowles-Nelson Grant to do a feasibility study on Wilderness Park. They were told that this grant only gives out money for actual development and not for feasibility studies. GRAEF is also looking into a Grant for the Goldendale Trail that is due May 1st. Will give more information in the May Meeting

End of 2021 Annual Report:

Staff and I are working on completing the 2021 Parks and Recreation Annual Report, and our goal is to be able to present to you in May. In the future our goal will be to present this annual report in February.

Arbor Day Celebration:

Friday April 22nd the Village of Germantown will celebrate Arbor Day. The ceremony will start at 9:15 am at Fireman Park by the old Picnic Pavilion. President Dean Wolter will read the Proclamation. Village Trustees have all been invited as well as this Commission. Three fifth grade classes from Rockfield Elementary will be present and part of the ceremony. Nathan Schuettpelz - Wachtel Tree Science will be the master of ceremony so to speak., Olivia J Witthun – Regional Director for the DNR will also be present.

Public Planting Workshop:

Nathan Schuettpelz from Wachtel Tree Science will be conducting a Public Planting Workshop May 21st in Fireman Park, either at the Old Picnic Pavilion or inclement weather at the Senior Center. As part of a grant the Village gets that helps us purchase trees we conduct a workshop yearly to educate the public on how to properly plant a tree and care for it afterwards. Anticipating approximately 30 participants.

Recreation Division Report – April 2022 Commission Meeting

We have 36 programs starting in April and include: Adult Golf Lessons, Junior Golf Lessons, Stream Sampler, Mini Golf League, Cupcake Decorating, Learn to Decorate with Frosting, Golf Skills, Stay Home Alone, Gymnastics – Spring 2, Tae Kwon Do, Oodles of Art, Babysitters Training, Yoga, PULSE, Rise & Shine Boot Camp, Track & Field Program, Tot Time, Pee Wee & U6 Soccer, Youth/Little Tykes Martial Arts, Afterschool – Mad Science Classes (3), Miss Julie's Music Fun, Miss Julie's Music Fun for Families, Do You Gnome Your Parks, Horseback Riding, CPR/AED Training, Hands Only CPR, Adult Wind Ensemble, Learn to Macramé, Crochet 101, Middle Eastern Dance, Easter Music Party, Archery.

Our ongoing programs are: Men's Open Basketball, Kids Klub (5 sites), Power/Pixies/Spark Poms, Afterschool Legos (3 sites), Learn to Skate, Preschool playgroup (3 groups), Story Stretchers, Pickleball.

Programs cancelled due to low enrollment: Knitting 101, Ukulele, Beginning Guitar, Dry Needling

Upcoming events include the following:

Do you Gnome Your Parks: Somewhere hidden in our Village Parks are Gnomes to be discovered. You will get a clue for the week on which park the Gnomes are hidden in, take a selfie with each of the gnomes and send it to us. Each Gnome will have a point value, the two families with the highest point value will receive a prize basket. Starts April 18 – May 13th.

Community Spring Bike Challenge: We have teamed up with Menomonee Falls Community Ed and Rec to offer the challenge this spring. All participants submit a mileage log each week, we have a recreation and competitive league. All participants will receive a Bike Challenge T-shirt.

Family Glow Walk: Friday, May 6th at Kinderberg Park, new this year participants can show up between 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. to walk. We are selling Glow kits for \$8 a person which includes fun glowing items that can be worn the night of the event. Glow Walk T-shirts can also be pre-order for \$10/shirt. We have 96 Glow kits bought already and 38 T-shirts. Volunteers Needed – let us know if you can help!

Soccer: Pee Wee & U6 Soccer will be starting on April 23rd, the coaches meeting was held on April 12th to help coaches prepare for their upcoming season. We have 8 teams for pee wee soccer and 6 teams for U6 soccer, totaling over 170 kids in the program.

Community Partnership Award: Congratulations to Premier Flooring for being honored as the 2022 recipient of the Community Partnership Award. They have been sponsoring youth sports teams and events for over 18 years. Please thank Ray, John and Curt Heilgendorf for all their support over the years. Please see our facebook post for the photograph of our team presenting them with the award.

Summer Registration: Summer registration started Monday, April 4th. Due to our SSL certificate warning still being unresolved our staff handled a full day of phone registrations on Monday and the rest of the week was very, very busy. Even though our IT had a 2-month lead time on resolving this it was not resolved until last Friday, April 8th. We hope that the next issue with retrac and credit card processing is also addressed in a timely matter as this is very frustrating to our staff and the public.

Thank you Briana McNeal! Bri's last day with our office will be on Friday, April 22nd. We want to thank Bri for all her efforts and outstanding services to our department. Bri is responsible for all the graphics for the department including handouts, website updates, constant contact, facebook posts as well as all her clerical



duties. She will be early missed, please thank her for all her efforts when you get a chance!

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF PUBLIC INTEREST: The next meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:57p.m.



Shannon Lemke
Administrative Assistant