

**VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN
PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
May 18, 2022**

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

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Chair Pro-Tem. Depies.

ROLL CALL: Commissioners Stapelman, Knop and Trustee Rep. Hudson. Guests included Joe Pepitone from GRAEF and Trustee Jan Miller (via WebEx). Also present were Director Standridge and Administrative Assistant Lemke.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Motion by Hudson, seconded by Stapelman to approve the minutes from April 20, 2022, as presented with stated correction on Page 2, sentence should read “Parkitecture most recently did the new Firemen’s Park Pavilion. Motion unanimously carried.*

PUBLIC INPUT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS:

BACKSTOP & FENCING PROPOSAL HAUPT STRASSE AND KINDERBERG – UPDATE: Gil stated that the Village Board approved the purchase of the full backstop screening at Haupt Strasse Park.

KINDERBERG FEASIBILITY STUDY – UPDATE: See New Business, item #2.

HAUPT STRASSE BASEBALL INFIELD LANDSCAPING – UPDATE: Gil stated that he has contacted Total Lawn Care on starting work the week of May 23rd. Gil spoke with the baseball groups regarding schedule changes to get the infield work done. Hudson stated that he wants to make sure that the field workers are aware that “Magic Mix” is going to be worked into the diamonds.

KINDERBERG & HAUPT STRASSE TENNIS/PICKLEBALL COURT REPAIRS – UPDATE: Gil stated he spoke with Frank Armstrong Enterprises regarding starting the project, which now the company is back logged until Spring of 2023. The price will not increase due to scheduling availability. Gil has reached out to another company to see if they would be interested in doing the repair project this fall and is waiting for pricing and availability for the project.

APPLICATION RESOLUTION FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT – UPDATE: Gil stated that we cannot apply for the grant this year.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2021: Will be sent out electronically once it has been updated.

NEW BUSINESS:

DHEINSVILLE FESTHALLE BIRD NETTING – REVIEW & APPROVAL: Gil stated that the bird netting for 2022 will cost \$37,000.00. In 2020 \$30,000.00 was approved by the Village Board for the netting. Gil is requesting the bird netting in place of the chemical/pest control which is a monthly/yearly maintenance process.

Hudson stated that there was opposition with the Village Board in the past with the netting proposal.

The Commission commented that the aesthetics is a worry.

Commissioner Stapelman asked if the Historical Society was willing to help with the cost of the netting.

Motion by Hudson, seconded by Knop to approve the \$37, 000.00 with Batzner Pest Control to install the netting system at Dheinsville Park Pavilion. Motion unanimously approved.

GRAEF TEAM PRESENTATION ON FEASIBILITY STUDY KINDERBERG PARK: Joe Pepitone from GRAEF, went over the scope of their process. Staff began their site analysis today with the sprayground, next will be ground equipment. We are looking at a public engagement meeting for the week of June 20th at Kinderberg Park. Joe stated there will be vision boards available with ideas of what the park may look like. They are looking at a final Masterplan along with costs in August.

Gil stated he would like to see accessibility to the park such as parking lot near the shelter and tennis courts.

Depies stated that “accessibility” is for an “all accessibility” playground for families with disabilities. We need to look at the original Masterplan.

Hudson questioned what is Kinderberg supposed to look like? Most of the amenities cannot be moved as there are in their permanent location.

Joe stated trails and accessibility have been in the discussion. A parking lot would give accessibility to the playground and/or sprayground for families of small children.

Hudson questioned how much park space would be given up for a parking lot? In the future the green space around Kinderberg Park will be developed.

Stapelman stated he feels the sprayground is very small for Germantown. He would like to see an all “accessible” playground for families with disabilities in Germantown.

Knop would like the features throughout the entire park.

Hudson stated there isn’t a lot of open or unused space. There is a soccer field at the bottom of the sledding hill, there is a soccer field on the East side of the park.

Gil would like to see Kinderberg as a year-round park which would include an ice-skating rink and lighting for the sledding hill. Moving and/or expanding the sprayground will also be looked at for Kinderberg Park and/or Firemen's Park.

Hudson asked if the 6 acres that the Village owns across the street was discussed. Gil stated it was not discussed.

Depies stated the functions in the park can be spread out within the park. The sprayground is popular and draws busses to the park. Kinderberg is a unique park for the Village. The public meetings will draw a lot of input as to what the residents want to see within Kinderberg Park.

VILLAGE BOARD REPORT: Phil stated the ARPA funds went to the Village Board on May 2nd. There will be a 2050 Plan booth at MaiFest. The new DPW/Recycling building is moving forward. The Village is discussing having an annual "Buckthorn" pickup starting in June/July 2023. Education on Buckthorn is on the Village website. We have a new organization in Germantown called "Celebrate Germantown Wisconsin" which is a 501C3 group to raise funds for community events. The Richfield Water/Sewer is going to referendum in November as to see if residents want to sell the services to Richfield.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT: Vacant

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Recreation Division Report - May 2022 Commission Meeting

We have 32 programs starting in May and include: Community Bike Challenge, Horseback Riding, Tae kwon Do, Babysitters Training (2 classes), Tree Climbing, Firefighters Are Your Friends, Track Invite, Container Gardening (2 classes), Mom & Me Learn to Sew, PULSE, Youth & Little Tykes Martial Arts, GLOW Walk, Learn to Decorate with Frosting, Miss Julie's Music Fun, Music Fun for Families/Babies, Daytime Adult Golf Lessons, Night Jr & Sr Tball, Gymnastics Spring 2, Yoga, CPR/First Aid, Oodles of Art, Paws & Pose, Home Buying/Selling, Rise & Shine Boot Camp, Steam Sampler, Learn to Crochet, Learn to Knit, Dinosaurs Tot Workshop, Middle Easter Dance, Golf Skills

Programs cancelled due to low enrollment: Restore Balance, Cupcake Decorating, Hands Only CPR, Safety Awareness Training

Our ongoing programs are Men's Open Basketball, Kids Klub (5 sites), Power/Pixies/Spark Poms, Preschool playgroup (2 groups), Story Stretchers, Pickleball, Mini Golf League,

Upcoming events include the following:

Night Tball Coaches meeting: Will be held on Wednesday, May 18th. To date we have a record number of participants with 127 for Jr. Tball with 25 coaches and 117 Sr. Tball participants with 24 coaches signed up. Night Tball will begin on May 24/26.

Track Invite: Along with our 75 Track Program participants we have another 5 signed up plus the St. Boniface team who will participate in this invite held at the GHS Track Saturday, May 21st.

Highway Garage Field Trip: To be held on Friday, June 3rd from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. and 10:45a.m. – 11:45 a.m. at DPW. Kids and parents will see all the trucks that are used in the sandbox in their real form.

Safety Town Teen Volunteer Meeting: A teen volunteer meeting has been set for Thursday, June 9th from 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. (returning teens) or 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. (for new volunteers) at the Germantown Village Hall. Volunteers will be given an orientation on what to do/expect.

Movies in the Park: Our first Movies in the Park event of the summer season will be held on Friday, June 10th and will feature the movie Encontro at Firemen's Park. Our next movie will be on Friday, July 22nd featuring the movie Sing 2 also at Firemen's Park.

Do you Gnome Your Parks: Is wrapped up we had 43 families register for the event. WE had a lot of great feedback from those participating that they loved getting out to our parks! The first 3 families that found all the gnomes and answered all the riddles correctly won a prize basket.

Family Glow Walk: Was held on Friday, May 6th at Kinderberg Park. We had 121 Glow kits bought and 29 people ordered shirts. With family members walking we had over 400 in attendance. It was a beautiful night, and everyone had a Glowing Good time!

Arbor Day:

On Friday April 22nd the Village of Germantown Parks and Recreation Department, DPW, Watchel Tree Science, and the Forestry Division will all participate in an Arbor Day Celebration at Fireman Park beginning at 9:15 AM.

The Village Board Trustees, Parks and Recreation Commission, Steve Kreklow, Village Administrator as well as sixty-seven (67) fifth graders from Rockfield Elementary to be part of this event and help us celebrate this nationwide recognized program.

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy and Sydney Trapp are donating a Swamp White Oak tree to be planted at Firemen's Park as part of the ceremony.

Nathan Schuettpelez of Wachtel Tree Science will preside over the ceremony and the Village of Germantown Arbor Day Proclamation will be read. Olivia Witthun, Urban Forestry Coordinator from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources will be present and speak on behalf of the Forestry Division for the state.

The ceremony will begin at 9:15 am on the 22nd, and the program will last approximately 20 minutes.

Feasibility Study Friedenfeld Park

Will meet with Thomas Olejniczak- from LEED A.P. to discuss doing a feasibility study for Friedenfeld Park

Request consultant to conduct preliminary due diligence reviews and prepare conceptual site plans to determine best option for layout and orientation for multiple size youth soccer fields within the eastern half of the park.

In addition, site access options and potential trail re-alignment and grading will also be reviewed based on proposed, conceptual design impacts. It is understood that, at a minimum, the following field sizes and quantities are desired.

- Fields 1 & 2, 7-8 yrs old, 105ft x75ft
- Fields 3 & 4, 9-10 yrs old, 180ft x120ft
- Field 5, 11-12 yrs, old, 225ft x 150ft, include one additional field of this size
- Field 6, 13 and up, 360ft x240ft, include one additional field of this size

For this Project, I am requesting the consultant to provide the following Basic Services:

- Participate in a project kick-off meeting.
- Site visit – complete site visit(s) to document existing site conditions.

- Using readily available maps or surveys, Consultant will complete a preliminary review of existing site conditions.
- Prepare base plan based on existing topographic and/or aerial mapping available.
- Prepare conceptual layout plan(s) for review.
- Revise concept plan(s) based on review comments received (up to two 2d color renderings if necessary).
- Prepare preliminary opinion of cost for proposed improvements.
- Prepare existing site conditions summary along with final, approved concept plan.
- Attend minimal (2) two coordination meetings

Also requested for the consultant to provide:

- Proposed Concession/Restroom Facility Design

From the soccer club view, I can share general improvement ideas. What we are looking for is how could we possibly engage with consultants 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
- 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)
- A second road leading into the park to ease traffic

Richfield School Project:

Friday May 20th 57 fifth grade students from Richfield School will be bussed to Firemen's Park and will be assigned as part of their school project to improve parks, to paint thirty-six wooden picnic tables, two sets of wooden bleachers, and eight benches from Dheinsville Park, that are all in need of a good coat of paint.

Tree Planting Seminar

Spring is almost upon us, and it is time to think about tree planting! Nathan Schuettpehl, Consulting Department with Wachtel Tree Science, will be guest speaking at the Old Firemen Park Pavilion weather permitting, or the Firemen Park Senior Center multipurpose room if the weather is inclement, on Saturday, May 21st from 9AM-Noon. Topics discussed will include assessing your site for the right tree, what to look for in quality nursery stock, and best practices for planting trees in the landscape. This course will include an outdoor component where we will plant a tree, so please dress for the weather accordingly. This seminar is free to the public.

Community Garden:

We filled our 20 slots with 14 Gardeners for this year community garden which is located at Dheinsville Park. I held an initial meeting on May 5th where Community Garden Guidelines were discussed, as well as discussing Vegetable Garden planting schedule, companion planting chart, and a work date was set up for all gardeners to attend to help clean up the garden and prepare for planting. DPW will drop off mulch, barrels, and turn on the water by May 20th. Master Gardeners Chris Weingarth and Carol Radawitz offered various tips for the new gardeners, and other experience gardeners also offered tips.

Farmers Market:

Our first Farmers Market was held in the Village Parking lot on Saturday May 8th with 6 vendors showing up. The weather cooperated and there was a decent turn out by the public. The farmers market will be on going every Saturday until October 30th. I am anticipating up to 18 vendors start selling by June after spring vegetables have had a chance to ripen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF PUBLIC INTEREST: The next meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:08p.m.

Shannon Lemke
Administrative Assistant