

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

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Chair Pro-Tem. Depies.

ROLL CALL: Commissioners Stapelman, Ewert and Knop. Absent and unexcused was Trustee Rep. Hudson. Guests included Joe Pepitone from GRAEF and Jan Miller. Also present were Director Standridge, Program Supervisor Heinen and Administrative Assistant Lemke.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Motion by Ewert, seconded by Stapelman to approve the minutes from October 25, 2022, with the stated corrections as follows: correct the spelling of Commissioner “Knop’s” name throughout the minutes as well as adding \$ to all money figures, page 1, first paragraph, last sentence should read “Depies opened the “item to” commission for question.”, page 2, paragraph 5, sentence 2 should read “Gill has worked with GRAEF Consulting, and they have worked on a playground ”with” Wisconsin-Minnesota playground, sentence 5 should read “The original request was \$250,000 and is now increased to \$300,000.”, page 6, paragraph 1, sentence 5 should read “The decision on the application will be revealed from the state in a few weeks.”, page 6, paragraph 5, sentence 1 should read “Depies said that it was a good question to ask because it is very close to trails in Mequon and Lemke Field.”, page 6, paragraph 6, last sentence should read “Knop asked what will happen to the old recycling facility land.” Motion unanimously carried.*

PUBLIC INPUT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS:

2023 Park & Recreation Operating & Capital Improvements Budget: Nothing to report currently.

Kinderberg Feasibility Study, Playground – Update from GRAEF: Joe Pepitone presented the Commission with a revised playground layout plan. The playground shown in the presentation is from Wisconsin-Minnesota Playground and is an “Inclusive” with amenities for “able and disabled” children. The 5-12 age playground is “ramped” and connected for all abilities. The 2-5 age playground is ground level for all abilities. There are two different surfaces to choose from. There is a “poured in place” surface and “synthetic turf”.

Gil stated that Sussex has the poured in place surface and there are issues with surface cracks after the first year.

What is the longevity of the synthetic turf? Using as a playground surface is much easier on the surface than as an athletic field. Joe stated it should last through the warranty, which is 8 years.

This turf does not have the granules on the surface like a sports field. Water will go through the pad and stones and into the ground.

RFPs would need to be sent to other playground companies before the final decision is made. Typically, it takes approximately 8 months for the entire process of bidding, approval, and installation of a playground. Joe indicated that MN/WI Playground (who's proposal is being presented) is booked through June of 2023.

We need to have public meetings/comments sessions with choosing what they would like to see for the Kinderberg Park playground.

The \$300,000 does not include landscaping or sidewalk.

A turf surface is cooler than a poured surface. Being barefoot would not be an issue with turf. You will not have the granules either.

NEW BUSINESS:

2022-23 Winter/Spring Recreation Program fees & charges – Review and approval: Patti went over the increases and decreases in fees and as to why. Increases are due to staffing/supplies/hours.

Stapelman stated he would like to see more indoor gym space for more pickleball play.

Motion by Stapelman, seconded by Ewert to approve the 2022-23 Winter/Spring Fees & Charges as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

2023 Park & Recreation Commission Calendar:

VILLAGE BOARD REPORT: Absent and unexcused

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT: Russ stated that members of the Germantown School Board participated in the Germantown Holiday Parade on Saturday, November 5. 2021-22 school district report cards were received. All 7 schools have exceeded expectations. The district has passed new/updated policies. The school libraries have posted on their website a Library Media Center. This means anyone can go onto the library website for each school and see what books are in that library. This also provides easier access for parents.

The IGA between the Village and School District is moving forward for approval with the usage agreement. The district is moving forward with their changes as the Village hasn't responded as multiple attempts have been made. The fees will be looked at this May.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Gil stated the Warhawks Field Usage agreement was approved by the Village Board.

TLC Lawn Care fees have increased by 25% for maintenance of fields. The Bids are received and approved by Department of Public Works.

Working on RFP for trail systems (in Masterplan). Looking at sending out Friday, November 18th with a deadline of January 6th. The funds are coming from ARPA funds not to exceed \$30,000. The CORP Plan has been approved therefore we can apply for grants.

Recreation Division Report November 16, 2022, Commission Meeting

Programs starting in November and include: Bucketeer Basketball practices, Afterschool Legos (4 sites), Music Fun, Music Fun for Families/Babies, Tae Kwon Do, Band, Yoga, Home Buying & Selling, Oodles of Art, Tot time, Dance it Out, Schools Out Stream Sampler, Youth & Tyke Martial Arts, Rise & Shine Bootcamp, Babysitter's Training, Learn to Decorate with Frosting, Holiday Patio Planter workshops, Learn Magic. Slice of Art, Freezer Meals, Essential Oils, Henna

Ongoing programs: Men's Open Basketball, Pickleball Open Gym, Co-rec Volleyball League, Kids Klub (5 sites), Poms, Kids Cuisine

Programs cancelled due to low enrollment: Afterschool Floor Hockey, Paint Party

Upcoming events include the following:

Bucketeers: We have 136 (last year we had 128) kids registered to play in our youth bucketeer basketball league and 32 coaches. Practices started this week. We have a total of 14 teams playing this season. Officials Training is set for Dec. 10th. League games will start January 7th.

1st/2nd Grade Buckets: We are still taking registrations and forming teams. To date we have 146 players and 30 coaches. We are hoping to have 14 teams in the league this year. Teams will play at Rockfield and MacArthur on Saturdays starting in January.

Brochure: Our Winter/Spring brochure will be posted online the week of Nov 21st.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF PUBLIC INTEREST: The next meeting is scheduled for December 21, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:55p.m.

Shannon Lemke
Administrative Assistant