

MEETING:	REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION
DATE AND TIME:	Wednesday, August 23, 2023 5:30 PM
LOCATION:	Germantown Village Hall Board Room N112 W17001 Mequon Road

MINUTES

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** *This meeting has been given public notice in accordance with Section 19.83 and 19.84, Wis. Stats, in such form that will apprise the general public and news media of subject matter that is intended for consideration and action.*
Meeting called to order at 5:34p.m.

- II. **ROLL CALL:**
Chair Depies, Trustee Rep. Phil Hudson, Don Eby, Bridget Henk, School Board Rep. Ewert. Excused Steve Stapelman

- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A. July 19, 2023
July 19, 2023
Motion: Approved
Motion by: Hudson
Seconded by: Henk
Yes: Depies, Hudson, Eby, Ewert, Henk
No: None
Abstain: None

- IV. **PUBLIC INPUT:** *(Please be advised per 19.84(2) that information and comment will be received from the public. It is the policy of this municipality that public input be limited to a three (3) minute period per person with a time extension granted at the discretion of the Chairperson. Be advised that there may be limited discussion of the information received but no action will be taken under public comments.)*

Jan Miller W151 N10297 Windsong Circle W, spoke regarding the Kinderberg Park playground equipment, sprayground, basketball hoops and grills. She is looking forward to seeing the trails Master Plan. The parks need proper signage of rules at the entrances to the parks.

- V. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
None

- VI. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Kinderberg Park Playground Equipment - Discussion & Action
Gil stated he found a grant online for playground equipment through GameTime, which is Minnesota/Wisconsin Playground. It is a matching grant. Our current budget is \$300,000.00 for

new equipment. Russell from Minnesota/Wisconsin Playground stated that they could give us a new design that would look like Lee Recreation. Gil stated the grant would benefit us with the project.

The following questions arose:

Is this actually a grant or is it a discount? Gil stated it is a grant.

Who is giving the grant? Gil stated the grant is coming from Gametime, which is through Minnesota/Wisconsin Playground.

Is this the company that Cedarburg had issues with? Gil stated yes it is. Gil stated that previous Director Schroeder also had issues with Minnesota/Wisconsin Playground for the playground at Haupt Strasse Park.

Minnesota/Wisconsin has stated that there is not an issue with supply.

Who is funding this grant?

Has the grant been looked over by Village Attorney Sajak? Gil stated that he is still working with the Village Attorney on the RFP/Bid process.

What other area communities have applied for and received this grant? Gil stated he is not aware of any.

The Commission is concerned about how other communities had issues with getting their playground equipment. We have put a lot of time into the process of choosing the right RFP, which was Lee Recreation for their playground design and quote.

If this grant was available when the process started, why didn't Minnesota/Wisconsin give a better playground at that time?

Motion to move forward and have Minnesota/Wisconsin Playground at the September meeting with a new playground design and proposal, as well as discuss the play equipment grant.

Further discussion was held regarding the bid process and infrastructure work. Gil stated he would verify what the "max" amount of the grant is.

If a new bid needs to be sent out, the process will be approximately 6 weeks for turnaround.

Is Kinderberg Park the location where we want to have the All-Inclusive playground?

Motion: Approved

Motion by: Hudson

Seconded by: Ewert

Yes: Depies, Hudson, Ewert, Henk, Eby

No: None

Abstain: None

B. GRAEF - Update on Trails Master Plan

Craig was unable to attend.

C. Kinderberg Sprayground Feasibility Study - Discussion & Action

Discussion:

Impact fees cannot be used to update the current sprayground, but they can be used for a new sprayground.

What is the benefit to expanding the current sprayground?

\$1,000,000.00 is being budgeted for in the 2024 budget CIP for the sprayground.

The sprayground is 19yrs old.

Why is the playground equipment project separate from the sprayground project? The feasibility study by GRAEF showed moving the sparyground to where the playground is and putting the playground where the sprayground currently is. The 2023 CIP has the money for the new playground at Kinderberg Park and not the sprayground.

Ewert suggested taking the money for both projects and doing one project extremely well. Kinderberg Park is a great community park. The playground equipment project and the sprayground project need to be looked at together even if they cannot be done in the same year.

What is the long-term plan for Kinderberg Park?

Hudson stated the challenges in Kinderberg Park are not going to go away.

The sprayground and basketball courts should be moved to a different park location in the village. The issues at Kinderberg Park are going to be there unless these amenities are moved to a different park location. Friedenfeld Park would be a great location for the sprayground and basketball courts.

Motion to do a feasibility study to determine the best location for the future location of a sprayground within the Village of Germantown.

Discussion followed regarding the future of water and sewer in Friedenfeld Park within the next 5 years.

Motion by:Ewert

Seconded by: Henk

Yes: Depies, Ewert, Henk, Eby, Hudson

No: None

Abstain: None

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Kinderberg Park basketball goals and other safety matters - Discussion & Action

Gil stated the Village is looking to have WiFi installed at the Kinderberg Park shelter. At that point, security cameras can be installed for viewing of the park amenities. Gil stated he has consistently been receiving calls regarding the basketball hoops and when they will be put back up.

Gil stated the residents around Kinderberg have stated it is peaceful with the hoops down.

Signage will be placed around the basketball courts with rules and regulations.

It was stated that obscene music was being played, garbage left all over the park and streets, as well as the smell of marijuana. Putting the hoops back up will lead to problems in Kinderberg Park again. The suggestion is turning the basketball courts into pickleball courts.

There is fear for the safety of our public in the parks is a high priority.

It is suggested putting the hoops back up as well as signage gives the public another chance to respect the facility.

Ewert stated gates need to be reinstalled and/or bollards to keep vehicles off the paths.

Motion to leave the hoops down for the remainder of 2023 and revisit by March 2024 for Summer of 2024.

Motion by: Hudson

Seconded by: Henk

Yes: Depies, Ewert, Hudson, Henk

No: Eby

Abstain: None

Motion to reinstall the gates at Kinderberg to block driving on the pathways.

Further discussion continued.

There are 5 entrances into the park. There are cars that park by the tennis courts as well.

Hudson stated there was a quote in 2021 or 2022 for \$25,000 to use ARPA funds.

Motion by: Ewert

Seconded by: Hudson

Yes:

No:

Abstain:

Motion to withdraw the motion due to the financial implications.

Motion by: Ewert

Seconded by Hudson

Yes: Depies, Henk, Hudson, Eby, Ewert

No:

Abstain:

Hudson stated he would like Gil to request the Village Board to put funding in the budget to put gates up at the entrances to Kinderberg Park for the safety of the public.

B. Allowing grills in parks - Discussion & Action

Gil stated he would like to place charcoal receptacles in the parks for proper disposal. The issues have been at Kinderberg and Spassland parks. They are \$400.00 per unit. Gil is looking at purchasing 2 for Kinderberg and 2 for Spassland totaling approximately \$1600.00.

VIII. VILLAGE BOARD REPORT:

Nothing at this time.

IX. SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:

Ewert stated that the fee structure for facility usage are being set for priority group level 3 and 4. Park & Recreation is a level 2 priority, which is charged at a higher rate. If there is a similar program held by a priority 3 (lower charged rate), then the Park & Recreation Department would be charged a reduced rate for facility usage. Need to keep communication going with the School District, Administration and Park & Recreation for notification of fees for Park & Recreation to set programs fees for publication.

X. ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC INTEREST: The next regularly scheduled Park & Recreation Commission meeting will be September 20, 2023 @ 5:30p.m.

- A. The Washington County Bikeway & Trail Network Plan will hold a discussion about the "Route of the Badger", at Firemen's Park (new indoor shelter) on September 22 from 11:00a.m. - 1:00p.m. The discussion will be led by Willie Karidis, Project Manager, "Rails-to-Trails Conservancy Route of the Badger."

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 8:16p.m.