

MEETING:	REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION
DATE AND TIME:	Wednesday, January 17, 2024 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.*
The meeting was called to order by Chair Depies at 5:32p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL:**
Present: Chair Depies, Commissioners Stapleman, Eby, and Henk.
Guests included: Jan Miller, Kevin Driscoll, Village Engineer, and Jeremy Hinds from GRAEF.
Absent:
Excused: School Board Rep. Ewert and Trustee Rep. Hudson.
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - A. December 6, 2023
Motion: To approve the minutes as presented.
Motion by: Henk
Seconded by: Stapleman
Yes: Depies, Eby, Henk, Stapleman
No: None
Abstain: None
- IV. **CITIZEN 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.)*
- V. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Music at the Pavilion - Extension of time from 9:00p.m. until 10:00p.m. - Discussion & Action
Gil presented the board with the consensus of the neighbors who live on Fond du Lac Avenue, Park Avenue, Freistadt Road and Pilgrim Roads. 25 houses were polled and 23 in favor and 2 opposed the time extension of ending at 10:00p.m. Gil stated the county curfew time for these types of events is 10:00p.m.

It was asked and stated that 5 homes were not able to be contacted.

Motion: To approve the time extension of 10:00p.m. for the 2024 Music at the Pavilion season and revisit it in the fall of 2024.

Motion by: Henk

Seconded by: Eby

Yes: Henk, Depies, Stapleman, Eby

No: None

Abstain: None

B. Letter to Village Board - Resolution Adopting Pedestrian/Bike Trail Master Plan
Gil stated that the Village Board approved the Pedestrian/Bike Trail Master Plan on Monday, January 15.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. GRAEF Presentation - Trail between Holy Hill Road to Freistadt, discussion and plan design - Discussion & Action

Commissioner Henk recused herself from the discussion.

Jeremy Hinds from GRAEF gave a presentation regarding the opportunity the village has with this MMSD property. GRAEF will help with applying for grants from the DOT and DNR. As a village, you should spend money in this corridor for stormwater, natural resources, and building trails throughout.

Placing bridges or boardwalks over the waterways will help with public accessibility.

Wetland fill is allowable, like wetland flowers. There are many different mixes that will improve the area.

Gravel trails, educational opportunities, stormwater features.

"The Village of Germantown is looking to work with MMSD on the purchase of some of the MMSD-owned parcels and taking them over with an understanding of different factors that MMSD would like to see these enhancements and would endorse the prairie plantings."

Ideas include 10' side walking paths, environmental areas with signage, and observation areas. The wider the walking paths, the easier it will be to be maintained by the DPW Dept.

Gil stated the Village has allocated \$700,000 for the trail design/construction.

The next grant opportunity is the DNR Stewardship Grant in which applications are due May 1, 2024.

CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality) is the WIS DOT grant.

MMSD has to approve everything you are looking at doing on this land.

Apply for both the DNR grant and the WI DOT grants.

What would the pros/cons be for a potential trail on the northern end going to Holy Hill Road vs. an Eastern extension from the lookout point?

Is it feasible for a trail connection to the North?

This will be a multiple phase process.

B. Junior Warhawks Field Usage Agreement - Discussion & Action

Gil highlighted the changes to the agreement, ie; term dates and fees. Gil stated he is raising the fees to \$4000.00 based on the number of participants, like Germantown Soccer and Germantown Hawks Youth Football.

Motion: To approve the agreement as presented.

Motion by: Henk

Seconded by: Eby

Yes: Depies, Henk, Stapleman, and Eby

No: None

Abstain: None

C. ARPA Funding for Park Improvements - Discussion & Action

There is approximately \$658,000.00 of ARPA funds left. Gil stated he is requesting \$67,000 to repair the Alt Bauer Tennis Courts. GGF is looking at \$500,000 to design a new station and \$100,000 for the Library. At the GGF meeting, it was asked of the Budget Manager to update the correct amount of ARPA funds that are not allocated. The needs for the Recreation department are the tennis courts at Alt Bauer (in which \$60,000 was already allocated) and converting 2 courts to pickleball courts. We are also in need of maintenance and upgrades to the sprayground at Kinderberg Park.

VII. VILLAGE BOARD REPORT:

Absent and excused.

VIII. SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:

Absent and excused.

IX. COMMISSION REPORT:

A. January 2024

X. ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC INTEREST: The next regularly scheduled Park & Recreation Commission meeting will be February 21, 2024 @ 5:30p.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:21p.m.