

MEETING:	AMENDED - REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION
DATE AND TIME:	Wednesday, April 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 at 5:30p.m. by Chair Depies.
- II. **ROLL CALL:**
Present: Chair Depies, Commissioners Stapelman, Eby, Trustee Rep. Hudson
Absent: School Board Rep. Ewert
Excused: Henk
Guests: Village Engineer Kevin Driscoll, Melanie Smythe, Scott Hefle, Jan Miller
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
Motion: Approve the minutes as presented
Motion by: Hudson
Seconded by: Stapelman
Yes: Eby, Stapelman, Hudson, Depies
No: None
Abstain: None
Motion Passed
A. March 20, 2024
- 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.)*
The following individuals spoke during Citizen Input:
Melanie Smythe (W140 N17938 Cedar Lane) spoke regarding the Village Budget and did not feel Park & Recreation should be requesting funding form the Tourism Commission.

Scott Hefle (W159 N10514 Old Farm Rd) spoke regarding Wilderness Park, understand more about the park, and not allowing hunting in the park.
Jan Miller (PO Box 837) spoke regarding Kinderberg playground, and bathrooms, Wilderness Park not allowing hunting and 2050 Plan for Wilderness Park.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Kinderberg Playground - Discussion

Gil stated the Village Board approved the project as presented. Gil is meeting with Scott Anderson (DPW Superintendant) and Megan Cunningham (Lee Recreation) next week to discuss the timeline of the project. The approved budget was \$300,000 and the approved proposal came in at \$279,564. This proposal includes the removal of the old wood chips, installation of the new wood chips, as well as replacement of the border timbers. DPW can save us approximately \$13,950 by removing and disposal of the old wood chips, replacing them with new wood chips. We can purchase the borders for less money and have DPW install them cheaper than in the bid. If there is no "overhead" cost, we could save an additional \$20,436. Gil stated if we have DPW do part of the project, they will not be available for the remainder of 2024. Gil stated he could purchase additional playground equipment with the money saved, but would like to use the funds for maintenance and improvements at the baseball diamonds.

Depies asked if the bid has a contingency built in? Gil stated there is not.

Hudson stated that the Commission cannot approve taking funds for Kinderberg playground and using them for other projects. That is a decision that the Village Board would have to make. The \$300,000 needs to be spent on/in Kinderberg Park.

Eby stated with the discussion over the past year on Kinderberg Park and all the time put into this project, we should continue to move forward with spending all the funds given for Kinderberg Park.

Hudson stated that if Gil was to go back to the Village Board to use the extra funds elsewhere, there is a chance you will loose those funds completely.

Depies asked the Commission that we have Gil move forward with the project this year, if under contract and if more features can be added, give Gil and staff the discretion to discuss what other enhancements we can put into the Kinderberg Park project.

Stapelman stated that the \$300,000 allocated for this project should be used for this project. Move forward with the contract to secure it and store the equipment if necessary. If there extra funding after the project is completed I would like to see additional features added. Stapelman also stated he would like to see the baseball groups volunteer in areas to help.

B. Kinderberg Bathroom Project - Updated

Gil stated he received a budget of \$25,000 for the project. Ideal Mechanical came in with a bid of \$24,378 and the General Government and Finance approved the contract on Monday evening. The approved contract will now go before the Village Board at their next meeting for final approval. I am looking for the project to be completed this Spring.

C. Alt Bauer Tennis Courts - Update

Gil stated the Village Board approved the contact with Pro Track and Tennis for \$69,320 from ARPA funds for the resurfacing all the courts, repainting the lines and converting 1 tennis court into 2 pickleball courts, with posts and nets. We are scheduled on the calendar for June.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Opening up Wilderness Park for hunting - Discussion

Gil stated there is no hunting allowed in any of our parks as there is a Village Ordinance. The department has received calls in the past regarding hunting in Wilderness Park and were told no hunting is allowed and if they are caught, they will be fined. If people state they are hunting there, they are breaking the law.

Hudson stated a citizen came to a Trustee asking for permission to hunt in Wilderness Park. There is no hunting in any of the parks in Germantown. My feeling is this individual is going to keep pushing this issue. We may be dealing with hunting in some of our parks in the next several months and/or several requests to be able to hunt in our parks.

Gil stated Wilderness Park is park property, but not developed. Wilderness is part of the 2050 Plan and as funds become available we can start talking about developing this park. Most of the land that borders Wilderness Park is owned by MMSD and by law MMMD has to allow hunting. If those hunters shoot a deer on MMSD land, and it goes into Wilderness Park, hunters will track the deer for removal. Chief Snow and myself have had a lengthy conversation, and we will allow hunters to retrieve their deer without pushback. If the deer is wounded, hunters need to contact the DNR for assistance as you cannot shoot a firearm within the Village or Village parks.

Stapelman stated there were so many restrictions as to what you can and cannot do with this property due to MMSD.

Stapelman stated he is not a fan of hunting in the park. Also, how do you regulate the hunting.

Hudson stated this was only brought to the Commissions attention for awareness as this may be coming forward.

B. Spassland Park access and potential side-path to Council Bluffs and Santa Fe Drive - Discussion

Village Engineer, Kevin Driscoll stated this is informational only. First Alliance Church submitted a concept plan for a parking lot and driveway entrance expansion to the Village. The driveway would extend from Santa Fe and Council Bluffs to connect to the existing parking lot. This is being brought forth to this Commission regarding a

possible easement.

The Commissioners stated to Driscoll that there is a path from Santa Fe Drive into the park.

Stapelman stated he does not want to see the driveway entrance within the subdivision.

Eby stated this easement would bring more accessibility with walking paths into the park.

Depies stated that he likes that the Commission is being included in discussion before going to the Plan Commission. Engagement in these discussions is pertinent.

VII. VILLAGE BOARD REPORT:

None

VIII. SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:

Absent

IX. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

A. April 17, 2024

Gil went over the included report.

B. Recreation Report

X. ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC INTEREST: The next regularly scheduled Park & Recreation Commission meeting will be May 15, 2024 @ 5:30p.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6:37p.m.