

MEETING:	REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION
DATE AND TIME:	Wednesday, October 16, 2024 5:30 PM
LOCATION:	KINDERBERG PARK SHELTER N104 W14942 DONGES BAY 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 5:47p.m. by Chair Depies.
- II. **ROLL CALL:**
Present: Chair Depies, Commissioners Eby, Smith, School Board Rep. Pawlak, Trustee Rep. Hudson
Excused: Stapelman
Guests: Program Supervisor Patti Heinen and Sandra Doss
- III. INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSION MEMBER:
- A. School Board Representative Tracy Pawlak
Tracy indicated that he has been a resident of the Village for approximately 17-18 years. Was elected in 2021 and re-elected in 2024.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
- A. July 17, 2024
Motion: Approve the July 17, 2024, minutes as presented.
Motion by: Hudson
Seconded by: Eby
Yes: Depies, Eby, Hudson, Smith
No: None
Abstain: Pawlak
Motion carried
- V. **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.)*
None
- VI. **OLD BUSINESS:**
- VII. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Winter/Spring 2024-25 Program Fees & Charges - Discussion & Action
Program Supervisor Heinen went over the changes for Winter/Spring 2024-25 Program Fees and Charges. Items "highlighted" in yellow are the upcoming changes, in which most of them reflect the fees from Fall/Winter.

We have a number of "Save the Date fees" for classes. We charge the \$8 or \$10 fee to "hold the spot" and the participants pay the remaining fee at their first class.

Page 3 has the new classes listed.

Smith mentioned that Open Pickleball does not show a supporting percentage of 130% or more.

Doss indicated that the department ran Pickleball Leagues this summer in which there are no expenses. Lessons are held in the summer and are profitable. Open Pickleball is one of two adult Open Gyms left. Fees were raised last year to \$6.00 per session of Open Pickleball. Fees will be re-evaluated in 2025.

Motion: Approve the Winter/Spring 2024-25 Fees and Charges as Presented.

Motion by: Pawlak

Seconded by: Smith

Yes: Depies, Smith, Eby, Hudson, Pawlak

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried.

B. Feasibility Study for Kinderberg Sprayground - Discussion

Gil stated APRA funding is being used to update the current pump house equipment for the sprayground. The new pump equipment should last an additional 5 to 10 years until we know what the future plans are for the sprayground.

Looking into funding to do a feasibility study on the future of the sprayground, whether in its current location, new location or adding a second sprayground.

Depies stated that the village has different growth patterns throughout Germantown, and it would be beneficial to have the study done.

Eby agrees that the study needs to be done and within 5 years.

Gil stated that two spraygrounds, in different locations, may be the answer. A larger sprayground could hold larger groups and be fenced in and charge an entrance fee.

The minimum cost of the study could start at around \$10,000.

Spraygrounds are a nice feature for small children. Daycares are bussing their large groups to the current sprayground which restricts area kids from getting playing time in the sprayground.

Need something unique to Germantown

When GRAEF did a study of Kinderberg Park a few years ago, it was \$1.5 million at that time for a new sprayground.

Impact Fees can be used to develop a new park with new facilities. With the anticipated growth in Germantown now would be the time to start the feasibility study. Draws are good school district, nice parks with amenities. Hudson stated if and when it comes to the Village Board he will back the P & R Commission. The population density is in the SE area in Germantown. The sprayground should be accessible where the population is, not necessarily Kinderberg Park. The village doesn't like to spend money on parks. It would be nice to see the development by someone else. There is a 6 acre parcel that is owned by the Village across the street from Kinderberg Park.

C. July 4th - Discussion

Gil stated if the department keeps the 4th of July activities we would like to see it on the 1st Thursday in July. "Music at the Pavilion" is becoming more successful, so we are looking at doing the July 4th events on the 1st Thursday of July (July 3rd). We would have everything except the parade, which we would like another group to take over.

Hudson stated that the 4th of July costs approximately \$30,000 to run, in which the former "Celebrate Germantown" committee in which Phil was involved, raised those funds. The funds that were raised in 2023 paid for the 2024 fireworks.

Having Germantown do the July 4th activities on July 3rd will conflict with Menomonee Falls.

The parade is a large fundraiser, which is also the hardest part for the day.

Park and Recreation staff getting sponsors for July 4th conflicts with sponsors for our team sports, trophies, and Park and Recreation supported groups and events.

The struggle is getting volunteers to help on the 4th of July. Everyone wants to spend time with their families.

Doss stated that the 4th of July events should not be the responsibility of the Park & Recreation Department. The event was a lot; lack of volunteers, people driving throughout the park, parking in the park, it was pure chaos.

There were fewer people in attendance as it had rained during the 4th event.

In 2024, supplies and expenses were paid for by the village.

Little League and the Boy Scouts volunteered to park cars and made a substantial amount of money for their group.

The Commission consensus is for Gil to draft a letter to the Village Board indicating that the Park & Recreation Department not have the responsibility of running the July 4th event and bring it back to the November meeting for further discussion and vote.

A decision needs to be made in regard to who is handling the 4th of July for 2025.

Kiwanis' big fundraiser is Taste of Germantown. Why not see if they would be willing to take over July 4th as well and combine the events.

Depies stated, we as a Park & Recreation Commission are in agreement that we would like staff to draft points and reasons as to why they should not run the 4th of July as we've heard the reasons and concerns as to why the Park & Recreation Department should not be running the event. Bring this back for discussion and action at the November meeting. Then we can make a recommendation to the Village Board about whether the Park & Recreation Department should be involved in a 4th of July celebration in 2025.

VIII. VILLAGE BOARD REPORT:

APRA funding for the sprayground improvements was approved. At this time, the Park & Recreation Department is getting everything they are asking for.

IX. SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:

Fees have been passed. Facility usage fee increases will be minimal.

Building and Grounds study has been completed and is going to the board for approval next week.

Will funding be changed for Police Officers in schools? At this time there has not been any discussion.

X. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

A. October 2024

Gil went over the included report.

Hudson recommended that staff put Fire Station #1 on the next agenda for discussion on the future of the building.

B. October Recreation Report

The staff went over the included report.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC INTEREST: The next regularly scheduled Park & Recreation Commission meeting will be November 20, 2024 @ 5:30p.m.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.