

**VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN
PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
CONFERENCE ROOM A
Wednesday, June 11, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:30p.m. by Chair Laszewski.

ROLL CALL: Chair Laszewski, Commissioners Coulthurst, Knop, Depies and Lieffring (arrived @ 5:34p.m.). Absent and excused was Trustee Rep. Kaminski and School Board Rep. Medved. Also present were Director Casperson, Recreation Intern Matt McCann.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Motion by Laszewski, seconded by Depies to approve the minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.*

PUBLIC INPUT: Nothing

VILLAGE BOARD: Nothing

SCHOOL BOARD: Nothing

RECONSIDERATION OF NOVEMBER 20, 2013 MEETING MINUTES:

Correction of the motion –

Motion by Laszewski, seconded by Coulthurst to recommend 2 - 12 ft. vehicle drive lanes with 8 ft. shoulders, 2 ft. paved, 6 ft. gravel and an 8 ft. asphalt path separated by a grass terrace north of the road extending the entire section of the project and removing the existing south paths.

ALT BAUER PARK PARKING LOT: Bids came in higher than the money allocated for the project.

Motion by Laszewski, seconded by Depies to rebid the project per the Department recommendation, rejecting the bid from Payne and Dolan. Motion unanimously carried.

CROSSWAY CHURCH: Crossway Church has indicated that they will be doing a community run at their church and through Spassland Park on July 26th. Half of the proceeds will be donated to the Griebel Family Fund.

Motion by Coulthurst, seconded by Laszewski to allow Crossway Church to hold their community run on Saturday, July 26th. Motion unanimously carried.

FRIEDENFELD PARK STORAGE SHED: Casperson stated that Hawks Football would like to build a storage shed to hold their equipment and also storage for Jaguars (if needed) and for the Village. It will be centrally located for both the user groups. Each group would have a separate entrance. The building will be funded by Hawks Football and then it would be gifted back to the village.

Motion by Coulthurst, seconded by Depies to accept the proposal of the storage shed at Friedenfeld Park and to be consistent with the colors of gray and maroon. Motion unanimously carried.

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DONGES BAY ROAD PEDESTRAIN/BIKE PATHWAYS: Casperson stated that on June 2, 2014 the Village Board rejected to pursue funds from the Surface Transportation Program for the reconstruction of Donges Bay Road. The village will need to find alternative funding for this project. The current pathway only exists on one side of the road or no pathway exists at all. Safety concerns are a huge issue. The current pathway is close to the road, not ADA assessable, and visibility is impaired.

Further discussion continued.

Motion by Depies, seconded by Coulthurst to reaffirm the Park and Recreation Commission November 20, 2013 recommendation regarding the pathways and grass terrace separation which included a 8 ft. asphalt path separated by a grass terrace North of the road extending the entire section of the project and removal of the existing southern paths.

Further discussion continued.

Motion unanimously carried.

Scott Coulthurst excused at 6:32p.m.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- 1) **Farmer's Market** – There are 13 vendors at the farmers' market. That is 8 vendors from our April meeting. The Department has secured a person to oversee the market, which has helped improve communication.
- 2) **Summer Intern** – Matt McCain is a student at UW-Whitewater doing his internship with the Department. Matt will be doing various duties in the department, but his focus is on recreation. His major project with a health initiative for the entire community.
- 3) **Friedenfeld Park Tree Planting** – Donations from ATC & Tourism & Betterment, 25 trees were planted in Friedenfeld Park this week.
- 4) **Friedenfeld Concrete Pads & Drain Tile** – Last month the Park & DPW staff installed drain tile along west portion of the regulation football field. The tile project was done to reduce the amount of standing water in the area that was causing turf damage.
- 5) **Background Checks** – The Village is shifting background checks away from the Police Department to individual departments. This will greatly impact our operation because our Department employees the largest amount of part-time and seasonal employees.
- 6) **Community Garden** – The community garden is full with 8 small plots and 12 large plots. The community gardeners along with the Department spread mulch on the pathways on May 17th.

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- 7) **Spassland Ground Restoration** – The Park staff finally completed ground restoration around the Spassland rental building. Rentals at the facility are growing in popularity.
- 8) **Kiwanis Outdoor Performing Arts Pavilion** – The Germantown Kiwanis is hosting a “Taste of Germantown” on July 17th in Firemen’s Park. The Kiwanis wanted me to extend an invitation to support and attend the event.

Recreation Report

- 1) 42 summer programs will start the week of June 16th.
- 2) **Lock-In:** The lock-in had a total attendance of 450 kids! Special thanks to those who volunteered to chaperone!
- 3) **Movies in the Park:** Our first Movies in the Park event of the summer season will be held on Friday, June 13th and will feature the movie Frozen, the Sing Along version. Our next movie will be on Friday, July 25th featuring Cloudy with A Chance of Meatballs 2 and will be held in conjunction with our Family Campout at Kinderberg Park. Back by popular demand we will have face painting and balloon animals done by the clowns Cuddles & Billy.
- 4) **Germantown Children’s Theatre Performance:** We are excited to present “Beauty & The Beast Jr.” our 22nd musical production held on Thursday and Friday, July 17th and July 18th at 6:30 p.m. at the Germantown High School Stage. We have an elaborate set that was borrowed from Peace Lutheran School in Hartford. This will be our biggest production since Wizard of Oz (about 22 years ago)!
- 5) **Booster Night:** Booster night is a program developed by Robert’s Frozen Custard to raise money for our youth programs and athletics. Our department will receive 10% of sales from 3:00 p.m. – closing. We all have to eat so why not stop by Robert’s on July 7th for some good food and treats!
- 6) **Community Band Concert:** Our first summer Concert in the Park will be held Wednesday, July 9th at Firemen’s Park. The July 23rd concert will include marching music and August 6th will include Kids music from Disney, cartoons and more.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF PUBLIC INTEREST

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:54p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Lemke
Reporting Secretary