

PARKS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2016
5:00P.M.

Parks Development Committee Members Present: Steve Fritz, Fred La Rosa, Mike McGinley, Kraig Brooks, Jerry Krueger, Mike Helmrick

Parks Development Committee Members Excused: Gary Portzen

Others Present: Dan Mahoney, Roy Hopfensperger, Tom Davies

1. Mr. Fritz called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of January 20, 2016 as printed.

Mr. LaRosa moved to approve the minutes of January 20, 2016 as printed. Mr. Krueger seconded and the motion carried.

3. Persons wishing to address the Committee.
None.
4. PWYA contract – Woyak Community Sports Complex. Mr. Mahoney stated that every 10 years the contract must be reviewed and updated. Basically the revised contract will be taking out unnecessary language and adding new language, with the rest staying as is. New/revised language as follows:
 - a) PWYA has exclusive rights/first choice of scheduling all games and events at the Woyak Community Sports Complex and will not be charged any user fees or related charges for the use of the sports complex;
 - b) PWYA owns/maintains the signs/scoreboards located on the property;
 - c) Any repairs to signs, scoreboards, or the fence, including repairs resulting from wind damage, will be the responsibility of PWYA after the Village's insurance has covered any portion under the Village's insurance;
 - d) PWYA shall be entitled to retain 100% of the profits from vending and concession sales at the Woyak Community Sports Complex. PWYA is responsible for installation and maintenance of all concession equipment or machinery;
 - e) PWYA agrees to purchase and maintain the following items of personal property and fixtures for the development of the Woyak Community sports Complex at PWYA's expense:
 1. All bleacher systems;
 2. Concession stands, bathrooms, kitchen facilities and relating heating, cooking and vending equipment;
 3. Fencing for all fields, batting tunnel facilities, warm-up area and any future fencing deemed necessary;
 4. Re-seeding of athletic playing areas;
 5. Field lighting systems for diamonds. Lighting systems to receive approval by the Village prior to installation;

6. Scoreboards, including all related wiring and electrical connections and components;
7. Public address systems;
8. Scoring booths;
9. Irrigation systems/Irrigation wells – PWYA shall be responsible for new systems, or any modifications to any existing systems or well(s);
10. Maintenance/storage sheds ;
11. The entity of the six field baseball system will be named Woyak Community Sports Complex. Baseball fields shall be named Adam’s Field of Dreams, Blue Top Field, Fran T. Roman Field, Soik Field, Fire-Pro Field, and Spud Field;
12. PWYA agrees to fund any future ball field mix/turf area refurbishing additions or replacements;
13. PWYA’s current involvement in scheduling and participation at Memorial Park will not change.

Mr. Krueger stated that this is a good agreement for both parties.

Mr. LaRosa moved to approve the PWYA Contract for Woyak Community Sports Complex as written. Mr. McGinley seconded and the motion carried.

5. 501(c) (3) updates – to be covered under discussion of Little Plover River Conservancy Master Plan.
6. Review of Little Plover River Conservancy Master Plan. Mr. Mahoney stated that through acquired funding from the DNR and Portage County Land Preservation Funds, 140 acres of land has been acquired for the Little Plover River Conservancy Area with 100 acres removed from AG land production. With the removal from AG land 100,000 million gals of water will be saved each year by not pumping from ground water levels, therefore having a positive effect on the Little Plover River. One of the proposed uses for the conservancy area is development of an educational facility which will educate residents, school districts and Rural Water Association on groundwater issues. Mr. Mahoney stated that a berm will be created along the south property line with landscaping to buffer single family residential as well as manufacturing or business development. Because we received Wisconsin DNR funding, certain activities are required by law to be allowed on the property, such as hunting, fishing, trapping, hiking and cross country skiing. The land must be available for those activities. The berm will create a nice barrier between single family residential and commercial building.

Mr. Mahoney stated that there will be a number of learning areas for education on ground water issues. Parking will accommodate busses as well a walking trail system that will accommodate walkers as well as cross country skiing, snow shoeing, etc. The trail system will include observation areas where walkers can observe wild life or may be used for hunting during the open season. Mr. Mahoney stated that they will be looking at solar panels for energy needs. Discussion has been held on conversion of land to prairie planting. We must be very careful with the planting selection. Access to the conservancy area from CTH R has been dedicated by the Worzella family. Future plans are to link pedestrian and bike paths.

Mr. Mahoney stated that the Potato & Vegetable Growers Association has created a 501(c)(3) nonprofit entity, which provides tax deductible opportunities to businesses and individuals who wish to support improvements in development of the Little Plover River Conservancy Area. Celebrate Plover Foundation, Inc. has formed a 501(c)(3), which can also be used to fund improvements in the conservancy area as well as all public parks and public spaces in the Village.

Mr. Mahoney noted that the DNR is very pleased with the volunteer efforts of the Village and Potato & Vegetable Growers Association. The DNR is also very comfortable with the design of the Little Plover River Conservancy Master Plan. Mr. McGinley asked if the pond will be aerated. Mr. Mahoney stated yes. Mr. Mahoney stated that discussion has been held regarding the utilization of wind mills to aerate the pond.

Mr. Brooks asked if individuals could sponsor a blind. Mr. Mahoney stated that sponsorships like this are encouraged. Mr. Helmrick asked if additional funding is available. Mr. Mahoney stated that yes, the Village could apply for additional DNR assistance. Mr. Anday asked if muscle work (alternative work) during spring and summer would be available. Mr. Mahoney stated yes, we could work with UWSP, Mid-state Technical College, Jackson School and Rural Water Association. Mr. Mahoney stated that the Potato & Vegetable Grocers Association is looking at bringing their headquarters from Antigo to Plover and building adjacent to R. In-kind donations through the use of some of the farmers equipment is also an option.

7. Review of Lake Pacawa Master Plan. Mr. Mahoney stated that the Master Plan was developed before the Curling Club came along. As such, the curling facility needs to be added to the Master Plan. Curling is a growing sport and the organization is looking to build a new facility and rent it out when not in use. Regional and National tournaments would be held in the new facility, and youth programs would be offered.

Mr. Mahoney stated that Darrell Parks is offering to sell all but 2 acres of land at a very reasonable cost which would be a nice acquisition for Lake Pacawa Park. This land is located along the south border of the park. Rettler Corporation will provide a Certified Survey Map and attorney will prepare an Offer to Purchase Agreement. The Parks Development Committee and Village Board will need to agree to the land purchase. The plan for this land will be the removal of trees allowing for overflow parking.

Mr. Mahoney stated that the Lion's Club donated \$60,000 to sponsor the building of a band shell. This dollar amount is not enough money to cover costs, so staff will be looking for an interested party to donate additional dollars. The band shell is the first thing we want to accomplish.

As donation dollars come in to Lake Pacawa staff will look at the following:

- 1) Dress up the entrance way to the Korean War Memorial;
- 2) Three fishing piers to provide improved access to the pond, so that fishing from the Korean War Memorial will be halted;
- 3) Walking Trail around entire facility;

- 4) DOT is working on the new design of the B and I39 interchange and as part of the design have asked the Village to consider storm water drainage from the interchange project to Lake Pacawa. Storm water drainage would have to be designed so as not to interfere with the Curling Club facility.

Mr. Mahoney stated that Celebrate Plover became a 501(c)(3) to allow tax deductible donations for improvements to Lake Pacawa, Village Parks and Celebrate Plover activities. Marketing materials will be prepared, due to a generous donation by Spectra Print. First consideration will be raising money for the band shell.

Mr. Brooks asked if a splash pad would be installed. Mr. Mahoney stated that staff initially had a concern that the public might see this as a waste of ground water. He noted that there are a number of facilities that reuse the water; therefore groundwater issues are less than originally anticipated. Staff will work with Rettler Corporation on the costs and installation of a splash pad and bring that back to the committee for consideration.

8. Committee Member Contact Information Update. Mr. Fritz asked that members of the committee call Ms. Wiczek with contact information, i.e., mailing address, cell phone home phone numbers, e-mail addresses, etc.
9. Mr. LaRosa moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:57p.m. Mr. Krueger seconded and the motion carried.

Submitted by Bonnie Wiczek