

VILLAGE OF PLOVER
Parks Development Committee
Wednesday, July 6, 2011
5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Fred LaRosa, Bob Brush, Mike McGinley, Jerry Krueger, Steve Fritz

Excused Members: Gary Portzen, Kraig Brooks

Others Present: Bill Konkol, Roy Hopfensperger, Dan Mahoney

1. Mr. Fritz called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.
2. Mr. LaRosa moved, Mr. Krueger seconded, to approve the April 18, 2011 minutes as printed. Motion carried.
3. Persons wishing to address the Committee.
4. Jason Glisczynski – Request for use of Iber Park for a Kickball Tournament on August 6, 2011. Mr. Glisczynski has requested the use of Iber Park for a Kickball Tournament to benefit the Epilepsy Foundation on August 6, 2011 time from 9:00am to 9:00pm. Attendees anticipated are 70 participants and 40 spectators. The park will be open to the general public and admission will be FREE. Tournament participants will pay a fee to partake in the tournament. Proceeds will be used to cover costs to run the tournament, prizes for tournament participants, and a donation to the Epilepsy Foundation. Divinity Dining LLC will cater the event and will be selling sandwiches, chips, ice cream, etc. The Epilepsy Foundation will apply for a temporary permit to sell soda, beer and wine. Player's Lounge will provide bartenders to monitor the event and all bartenders must be licensed in Plover. Request is that the Parks Department prepares two of the diamonds along with painted foul lines on the North East corner and South West Corner of the park.

Mr. Mahoney stated that staff has a concern with the use of Iber Park for the Kickball Tournament since alcoholic beverages are not allowed in this park. Mr. Mahoney asked Patrick Marcell, Glisczynski & Associates, if he felt that Mr. Glisczynski would have any objections to moving the tournament to another park that would allow the sale of alcoholic beverages. Mr. Marcell felt that the location could be changed since there is ample time. Mr. Mahoney referred the request to the Public Works Department, if alcoholic beverages would be involved, to come up with an alternative site i.e., Lake Pacawa, Woyak, etc. parks that will allow the sale of alcoholic beverages. Mr. Hopfensperger expressed a concern with the ball fields if moving from Iber Park. Alyssa Marcell, who is heavily involved with the Epilepsy Foundation, stated that it is still up in the air at this time if alcoholic beverages would be sold and if not they would like to stay with their request for Iber Park.

Mr. LaRosa moved to approve the request of Jason Glisczynski for use of Iber Park for a Kickball Tournament on August 6, 2011 contingent that the event be non-alcoholic and that if the event is to sell alcoholic beverages Mr. Glisczynski is to work with the Public Works Department to come up with another park that would allow for the sale of alcoholic beverages. Mr. Brush seconded and the motion carried.

5. 2011-2015 Five Year Parks Plan Update. Mr. Mahoney stated that that the Park & Recreation Plan is not a park plan, but makes the Village eligible for stewardship funding from the Department of Natural Resources. He stated that the primary reason for updating the plan is to allow the Village to acquire 140 acres of land immediately south of the Little Plover River between Kennedy Avenue and County Highway R with the primary goal being to restore healthy flows to the Little Plover River through voluntary efforts. This acquisition would convert irrigated agriculture to a park/natural area with the area converted to an urban area park. The park would include a natural area with walking trails, educational areas, and possibly a dog park.

Mr. Brush asked is the plan would be subject to revision. Mr. Mahoney stated that the deadline is July 15, 2011, but it could be changed in the future. Mr. Brush asked for consideration of shade trees. Section 2.6 WILDLIFE to be amended to include WILDLIFE AND WOODLANDS. Mr. Mahoney stated that there is nothing that states that staff can't look at on an annual basis. Mr. Mahoney noted that a Park Impact Fee Ordinance allows for impact fees to fund acquisition or development of projects.

Mr. Brush moved to approve the Park and Recreation Plan 2011-2015 as written with the addition of Woodlands to Section 2.6. Mr. Krueger seconded and the motion carried.

6. Resolution authorizing application for Outdoor Recreation Funding. Mr. Mahoney stated that the resolution authorizes applying for funds to be used to purchase property from Norman Worzella south of the Little Plover River.

****RECOMMENDATION TO THE VILLAGE BOARD*** Mr. LaRosa moved that the Parks Development Committee recommend to the Village Board approval of Resolution 7-13-11 Authorizing Application for Outdoor Recreation Funding. Mr. Krueger seconded and the motion carried.**

7. Iber Park Parking. Mr. Mahoney referred to a map addressing concerns with parking on Adams Street. Mr. Schlutter noted that at the last game of the season 20 cars were parked along Adams Street; therefore the reason for addressing the parking issue at this site. Mr. Mahoney stated that relocating the ball diamond on the west side closer to the other two fields will bring more people into the parking lot and removing trees on the north side and relocating the playground equipment will open up additional parking spaces. Mr. McGinley stated that PWYA has outgrown Worzella Pines with the addition of 5 year olds to the T-ball program next year. The question was asked if PWYA needed three fields at this park. Mr. McGinley stated that yes all three fields will be needed to accommodate 5 & 6 year old T-ball. Mr. Schlutter noted that the parking lot will be gravel not blacktop.
8. Mr. LaRosa moved, Mr. McGinley seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 5:35pm. Motion carried.

Submitted by Bonnie Wiczek