

VILLAGE OF PLOVER
PARKS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
October 17, 2022
5:45 PM

Members Present: Steve Fritz, Kraig Brooks, Larry Schweitz, Mike Helmrick, Gary Wolf, Susan Placzek

Members Unexcused: Mike McGinley

Others Present: Dan Ault, Tom Davies, Steve Kunst, Dominique Swangstu, Julia Mann, Ross Ballard, Al Tessmann, Josh Winter

1. Mr. Fritz called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. Mr. Wolf moved and Mr. Schweitz seconded approval of the minutes of the Joint Plan Commission/Parks Development Committee meeting of June 1, 2021 as printed.

3. There were no persons wishing to address the Committee.

Mr. Fritz introduced Dominique Swangstu.

4. Springville Pond (Park) Grant application – Healthy Lakes and Rivers (Notice)

Mr. Swangstu informed the committee about the grant application and informed them the agenda item was already brought before the Springville Pond Management Committee and Village Board where both approved moving forward with the grant process. Although the Village Board has already approved the grant, Swangstu was looking to inform this committee of the proposed grant given the conservation practice would be implemented on park land. The grant is for up to \$1000 to implement a conservation practice. Due to the grant parameters, the funds can't be used for infrastructure but only for a few selective conservation activities/practices. It was mentioned that individual property owners along the pond can also apply for the same grant, staff had indicated 1-2 residents along the pond have applied for the grant for 2023. Mr. Swangstu stated this item is just a participation pledge, no action is needed. The method of notification for and frequency of the Springville Pond Management Committee meetings was discussed and addressed by staff to ensure all those who want to be informed.

5. Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan – Update

- Grants, Opportunities, and Timelines
- DRAFT Public Participation Plan – Initial Review

Mr. Swangstu informed the committee when the plan was last updated, and reviewed the basic need to update the plan. Copy attached. He advised that we need to update the plan at least every five years. Swangstu reviewed the draft Public Participation Plan (PPP) and solicited input from the committee regarding the "Minimum Village Commitments" at the end of the document. The Committee discussed the meeting and participation options for the plan update. Staff indicated public participation is crucial to ensuring the updated plan is appropriate and reflects the public needs and wants, while addressing existing and potential

concerns related to recreational opportunities. The committee discussed participation options, methods, etc. and provided staff with direction related to next steps. The PPP and Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan can be amended as needed to address unforeseen issues or opportunities. It is important to include anything and everything that could be proposed in the next 5+ years, within the plan, given a project often needs to be included in the recreation plan to be eligible for state grants. Mr. Swangstu advised that the Village wants to include as much information from the public as possible so the committee and staff can make informed decisions. The committee directed staff to put together a draft outline with participation steps and rough timeline to ensure there are a variety of methods utilized. Frequency of meetings was discussed to ensure there are more meetings held throughout the year to address pertinent topics, updates, projects, etc. while ensuring the meetings are productive and are only scheduled as needed. Lastly, per committee recommendations, staff will bring agenda items to the next meetings related to Lake Pacawa Park (splash pad usage in the first year) and updates related to the conservation activities and projects over the last 1-2 years.

6. Such other business as is authorized by law.

The committee discussed the need for the playground equipment in our parks to be updated and maintained, ways to keep the ice rinks operational longer during the season, as well as the realistic expectation of what can be done for these parks with the available funds and staff. Per Mr. Fritz's request, Mr. Ault gave a brief update to the committee on where the Village is at with the Stevens Point Area Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

7. Mr. Brooks motioned and Mr. Helmrick seconded to adjournment at 6:56 p.m.

Submitted by Tammy Wojtalewicz