

PARKS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

December 19, 2022

5:30 p.m.

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

Member Excused: Mike McGinley

Others Present: Dan Ault, Steve Kunst, Dom Swangstu, Roy Hopfensperger, Scott Klemm

1. Mr. Fritz called the meeting to order at 5:48 p.m.
2. Mr. Helmrick moved Mr. Wolf seconded approval of the minutes of October 17, 2022. Motion carried.
3. There were no persons wishing to address the Committee.
4. **Parks related user fees.** The Committee reviewed the parks user fees as requested. Mr. Fritz stated he prefers the smaller increases of fees over the years as shown and Mr. Hopfensperger indicated that we don't want to discourage the use of the parks buildings by charging too much. Mr. Brooks asked who pays to use the fields, Mr. Hopfensperger said churches and schools. Mr. Swangstu mentioned that there are escalating fees for larger groups.

**\*\*\* RECOMMENDATION TO VILLAGE BOARD \*\*\* Mr. Wolf moved Mr. Helmrick seconded approval of the Parks Related User Fees as submitted and attached. Motion carried.**

5. **Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan Update.**
  - a. Park Improvements Overview. Mr. Swangstu reviewed the individual parks improvement plans and the committee discussed the priorities and variables that affect the improvement schedule.
  - b. Participation Plan Outline. Discussed the outline.
  - c. Draft Survey. Mr. Schweitz asked to have Item 7 reference of "do you have a need for this facility" to "does the Village need this". Mr. Fritz suggested the addition of dog parks in Item 7. Mr. Helmrick suggested asking the persons zip code as a separate question. Mr. Swangstu would like these surveys to reach the public via our website, press releases, Facebook, schools, interactive stations.
6. **Lake Pacawa Park Usage Update.** There were a tremendous number of visitors at the new park this year since the opening in July. The splash pad saw about twice as much usage as anticipated. Mr. Ault and Mr. Fritz are working on Christmas lighting displays for the park for next year.
7. **Village of Plover Conservation and Little Plover River Efforts.** Mr. Swangstu reported the Daniel R Mahoney Conservancy and the Soik Wetland Area are the two main properties where efforts have been concentrated.

Mr. Fritz commended Mr. Swangstu for the great updates and information.

8. Mr. Wolf moved Mr. Brooks seconded adjournment at 6:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by Pat Ladecki