



FREDERIC PARK BOARD MINUTES



110 OAK STREET E. FREDERIC WI
Wednesday, June 9th, 2021 8:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

Present: Rebecca Harlander, Patty Swenson, Ginny Clausen, Jeff Carley and Maria Ammend.

Also Present: Bill Struck, Janice Schott and Roxanne Howe, Village staff

Recognize the Public. Jennifer from the Mental Health Task Force of Polk County was present via zoom to request approval to hold a health and wellness type event at Coon Lake Park on September 18th. With the size of the event and potential added costs with vendors trucks and maybe bounce house type activities, garbage removal, etc, a cost balancing fee will be implemented. Further finalizing details with Jennifer can be handled by J Schott in the Village Office.

Motion to approve the Mental Health Task Force of Polk County to hold their event at Coon Lake Park by G Clausen/M Ammend Vote: Carried

Amy Chenal – Amy inquired about what happened with the money from the “Save the Pool” initiative. It was explained that Friends of the Pool was formed after the pool was closed due to no longer passing code. Despite raising over \$16,000, ownership of the pool was not claimed by any able entity. Yearly and ongoing staffing and maintenance is very expensive and a pool is not self-funding. After receiving approval from the major contributors, the committee donated the money to the Park Board where it is set aside and waiting for a qualifying project, as per the Friends of the Pool preset guidelines.

Public Works List. Rebecca gave out the new June/July Public Works list. Notable items are doing the gator bags once or twice a week and figuring how to mow or maintain the area by the fountains more often.

The boardwalk needs a plan for maintenance. Discussion included the pros and cons of working on it in the winter versus the summer, and different ways and options to fix or replace sections. The decision was made to contact the original installer to seek advice and then bring this topic back in the fall for final planning.

Bandshell maintenance – Suggestions on what kind of fix to make, and funding the project were discussed. How much it is reserved and if anyone paying for it is using it was questioned. B Struck suggested putting in on a raised slab, as it will still have the needed height, it won't have a fall through threat, and could get more reservations as a regular shelter. This will be discussed and planned more in the fall.

Area north of pines – R Harlander would like the trees thinned out more, or faster than is naturally happening on its own, along with mowing or maintenance of some sort more often than we've been doing.

R Harlander confirmed with B Struck the street sweeper would be out this week before Family Days.

New Playground – 2 more rocks are needed at the new playground to ensure that parking and driving on the area is not happening.

B Struck and the Public Works crew were thanked for their help with Community Give Back Day.

Coon Lake Park – Caretaker Report. The Board felt the new Caretaker arrangement was going very well so far. Signs are up saying the bathrooms close at 8 PM. No opening time is officially posted. Pete has fixed a few minor things as they've come up. He will be gone over Family Day's, but Patty and Ginny have volunteered to check on the bathroom and park area.

Previous Meeting Minutes—April 7th and May 5th, 2021

Motion to approve the April 7th, 2021 Minutes by M Ammend/P Swenson Vote: Carried

Motion to approve the May 5th, 2021 Minutes by M Ammend/P Swenson Vote: Carried

Park Budget. R Harlander stated there has been very little changes in the budget, but that will change when they finalize Community Give Back Day.

Expenditures. R Harlander inquired about upcoming shelter rentals, which there are quite a lot of. It was suggested that we start telling nonprofits that while we don't charge them a reservation fee, we do appreciate donations. It can help offset electricity charges, and the potential loss of paying renters.

Coon Lake Parks and Trails – Plus Current and Future Projects.

Dugouts – The construction crew will not be available to work on this project until Fall. Rebecca is looking into concrete work being done.

Trails – Buckthorn treatment was last done 2 years ago and is needed again. We will do the basal stem treatment rather than the foliar spray this time.

Bandshell – Questioned if we change the raised flooring to sitting on a raised slab, could we relocate the pumps that are currently under the bandshell to the bathroom? B Struck thinks that will work and will come back with a plan layout and cost estimate to do this project.

Volleyball courts – The Board discussed keeping and cleaning them up, versus what to do with the space if we remove them. Nobody is using the courts, and haven't been in years. It is wasted space and added work. It was decided to clean them up for now and reevaluate later and come up with a permanent decision.

Community Give Back Day 2021 Recap. It was mostly positive feedback from the teachers and others about Community Give Back Day. Weeding the volleyball courts was not well received. The wooden posts were in too poor of condition to cut off, so they were stained as is. It was decided that the best option for a replacement solution for the posts may be low cement barricades. B Struck will see how many we would need and what the cost would be. The posts where the caretaker used to be will be removed as they serve no purpose and are difficult to mow around. The wood was removed from the old dock and will be saved for future use. B Struck has someone who would like the metal remainder and the board agreed he could dispose of it. Next year the board would like to have water available for the people participating in Community Give Back Day, as well as maybe looking into a way to correlate participation with grades or something.

Recycling Container. Patty agreed to try selling the recycling container on Facebook Marketplace.

Set Next Park Board Meeting. July 7th, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

New Playground Report/Site Plan – at Location. R Harlander inquired with B Struck as to where the closest water source is by the new playground. B Struck informed her of the 2 closest spots. If looking to reach either spot from the playground, his best off the top of his head estimate would be \$30,000 to \$40,000. B Struck reminded the board that Public Works uses the south end to dump snow in the winter, and they do not have a different location to use. It was suggested that we create a small committee to look into a splash pad. Park Board moved to the site of the new playground equipment and the pickleball court. Future plans were discussed and there was board consensus to create subcommittees to head up research into 5 major park projects: Boardwalk Maintenance, Splash Pad, Skate Park, Park with pickleball court and playground.

Adjourn. Motion to adjourn by J Carley/M Ammend Vote: Carried.