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**VILLAGE OF SUSSEX  
SUSSEX, WISCONSIN**

**Minutes of the Park & Recreation Board meeting held on June 15, 2021.**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Fourness at 6:31 p.m.

**1. Roll call**

Members Present: Chairman Bob Fourness, Nadine Coenen, Mike Waltz, Chuck Vojtas, Kelly Tetting, Chris Kostka

Members Excused: Trustee Ron Wells

Village Board Present: Trustee Scott Adkins

Staff Present: Parks and Recreation Director, Halie Dobbeck; Administrative Services Director, Sam Liebert

**2. Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Waltz, seconded by Kostka to approve of the minutes from May 18, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried 6-0

**3. Lannon Stone Sledding Hill Park**

Paul Giles, Technical Services Director for Lannon Stone, gave a presentation on the proposed Sledding Hill Park that would be leased to the Village of Sussex. This sledding hill park would be in lieu of a Letter of Credit for the Village's security net, in the event Lannon Stone went out of business, ownership of the sledding hill park would transfer to the Village.

During the presentation, Trustee Wells joined the board at the dais at 6:34 p.m.

Motion by Fourness, seconded by Waltz to move forward with the project and make a positive recommendation to the Village Board. Motion carried 7-0

**4. SAS Club Blood Drive Event**

**5. Amending the SAS Club 10 Year Contract**

Dobbeck presented the proposed Blood Drive event that the Red Cross would like to hold on November 1, 2021 at the Grove. Dobbeck also stated that the SAS Club's 10-year contract would need to be amended to allow them to use their funds on hand to pay for the rental of the Red Cross's future blood drives.

Motion by Tetting, seconded by Kostka to approve of the November 1 Red Cross Blood Drive Event AND to amend the SAS Club 10 Year Contract as presented. Motion carried 5-0  
*Wells and Waltz Abstained*

**6. Quarry Communities Relay for Life Event**

Scott Pink gave a presentation on the proposed Relay for Life Event to be held on September 24, 2021 at Village Park. The event would run from 6:00 p.m. to midnight. They are still looking for local business sponsorships and advertising. They expect it would take about an hour to clean up after the event. Relay Quarry has been active in the area since 2003 and proceeds go to the American Cancer Society.

Motion by Waltz, seconded by Tetting to approve of the Quarry Communities Relay for Life Event for September 24, 2021. Motion carried 7-0

**7. Alfa Romeo Car Event**

Robert Ludwigson and Gary Schommer of the Alfa Romeo Owners Club gave a presentation on their proposed Italian Car and Motorcycle Show, scheduled for September 26, 2021 at Village Park. They expect about 40 cars and 200 people to show up. The event would also serve as a Charity for Alzheimer's Association.

Motion by Vojtas, seconded by Wells to approve of the Alfa Romeo Car Event for September 26, 2021. Motion carried 7-0

**8. Discussion on Prides Park Neighborhood Meeting**

Dobbeck gave a brief presentation of the discussion and concerns that had arisen from last month's meeting at Prides Park in relation to the proposed upgrades. Dobbeck also went over the survey results with the Park Board, reiterating that there was about a 33% response rate from the survey.

The board had discussion. It was agreed by consensus that:

- a. There would be no additional parking added to the park.
- b. A trail should go forward, not paved. That it would be six feet across, wood chips for the base and bordered. That there would be some amenities or play accessories for kids that could be built in-house and over the course of a few years. That there should be an attempt to keep the trail 'as natural' as possible.
- c. The board would like to see some sort of covered shelter close to the entrance of the trail and that staff should come back with cost estimates.
- d. A new playground should replace the old one. The new playground would be in the same location as the current one. Dobbeck mentioned she had a non-profit that could come in and take apart the old playground and donate it to a country in need. Staff should come back with cost estimates.
- e. The basketball court should be re-leveled. Staff should come back with cost estimates.
- f. There should be a water fountain/bubbler in the park and that it should also have a dog/canine water amenity on the bottom. Staff should come back with cost estimates.
- g. Staff should look into cost estimates for repair and replacement of the backstop at the baseball diamond.
- h. Staff come back with cost estimates for ninja/climbing amenity for playground.

Motion by Waltz, seconded by Tetting to make a positive recommendation to the Village Board to move forward with the trail as proposed. Motion carried 7-0

**9. Comments from Citizens Present**

Trustee Scott Adkins was asked by Chairman Fourness on his thoughts about the proposed fence around the pickleball courts at Village Park. Trustee Adkins stated he had concerns

with the aesthetics of a chain-link fence in such a public and prominent place. He stated that he would like more cost analysis done in regards to moving the courts to another park or separating the courts from basketball courts all together.

Chairman Fourness stated that he believed the Park & Recreation Board had done their due diligence and would like to know why other Village Trustees opposed the recommendation for a fence.

Liebert stated that the possibility of a joint meeting of the two boards could be a possibility.

Chairman Fourness asked staff to look into that possibility.

**10. Park & Recreation Director's Report**

Dobbeck stated that at the South Playground in Village Park there was an accident on Memorial Day and that the Village is seeking restitution for the damaged equipment, labor, and restoration of the area. Due to the Master Plan, we will not be immediately replacing the firetruck and have turned the area in to grass.

Dobbeck stated that there has been a group of kids causing vandalism and disruption to programming at the park. We've worked with the police to step up patrols and have made great strides towards remedying these issues.

Dobbeck stated that Day Camp has started this week and we have the highest registration number in the history of the program.

Dobbeck stated that the splash pad has been incredibly busy so far this summer and has seen days where there are over 200 people a day.

Dobbeck stated that Cruise Night was Thursday and in need of volunteers to help park cars.

Dobbeck stated that the first Pints in the Park Even is next week in Madeline Park from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**11. Topics for Future Agenda Items**

Chairman Fourness asked that 2022 budgetary items come before the board for their review to make possible recommendations.

Tetting asking about new trees planted on Maple Avenue and if they would grow up and into the power lines above.

Revisit Village Park Master Plan

Prides Park Monetary Costs

**12. Adjournment**

Motion by Waltz, seconded by Coenen to adjourn at 8:07 p.m.

Motion carried 7-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Samuel E. Liebert  
Administrative Services Director