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Minutes of the Park & Recreation Board meeting held on September 21, 2021.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Fourness at 6:32 p.m.

1. Roll call

Members Present: Chairman Bob Fourness, Nadine Coenen, Mike Waltz, Kelly Tetting and Chris Kostka.

Members Excused: Chuck Vojtas and Ron Wells.

Staff Present: Village Administrator, Jeremy Smith; Administrative Services Director, Sam Liebert.

2. Comments from Citizens Present

No one present wished to speak.

3. Meeting Minutes

Motion by Tetting, seconded by Waltz to approve of the minutes from August 17, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried 5-0

4. Discussion on process for considering Pickleball facility options

Mr. Liebert gave a presentation per the presented memo with the board's packet. Village staff plan to hold an open-house event in January for the public to attend and review multiple options. The public would be asked their opinion of each option with a survey. The survey and options would also be available online, as many pickleball players are snowbirds and might not be able to attend in person. Staff would then assemble the responses and bring that data to the March Park & Recreation board meeting for review and action. The Village Board would then take the Park board's recommendation at their April meeting under consideration for approval. Staff would like to remind both boards that, depending upon the chosen solution, there could be a bidding process involved, as capital projects over \$25,000 in Wisconsin require this to happen.

5. Director's Report

Mr. Smith gave an update on Prides Crossings Park from the Village Board. Mr. Smith informed the board that village staff could clean and maintain the backstop, and at such time, if needed, could find funds within the budget to replace the backstop at that time. Mr. Smith also stated that the Village Board would like Park board to review the ability to give priority to residents on event and recreation program registrations.

Mr. Smith gave an update on Village Park and possible upcoming expansions, if and when, the adjoining the property is developed. This could allow for the expansion of Village Park, addition of baseball fields and other possible amenities. The Park Board will begin to hear more on these projects as the developer moves along with their potential development plans.

Mr. Smith also updated the board on the Vista Run subdivision. Construction on the subdivision is expected to begin this November. The future park in the Vista Run subdivision will be about 12 acres in size. The Village will need to hire an outside consultant who specializes in these type of unique park designs.

Mr. Liebert informed the board that Touch-A-Truck on September 11 was a very successful event. There were an estimated 3,000 people in attendance. Village staff is planning to continue to grow the event and work in closer coordination with Lannon Stone. The Movie Night/Pints in the Park at the Civic Center on August 26 was well attended and there was a lot of positive feedback on combining the two events. As a reminder, Spooky Sussex is October 22 this year and the committee is looking for volunteers. This is the 10th anniversary and there is a lot of excitement building around this year's event.

6. Topics for Future Agenda Items

The next scheduled meeting is October 19, 2021.

Waltz asked if the board could get additional information and possibly look at changing the way we prioritize field rentals for baseball and give prioritization to residents differently.

7. Adjournment

Motion by Fourness, seconded by Waltz to Adjourn at 7:37 pm. Motion carried 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Samuel E. Liebert
Administrative Services Director