

**VILLAGE OF SUSSEX  
PARK AND RECREATION BOARD  
6:30 PM TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022  
SUSSEX CIVIC CENTER – COMMUNITY ROOM 1<sup>st</sup> FLOOR  
N64W23760 MAIN STREET**

**MINUTES**

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

**1. Roll Call**

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

Members Excused: Chuck Vojtas

Staff Present: Park & Recreation Director, Halie Dobbeck

**2. Consideration and action on minutes from the March 15, 2022 meeting.**

Motion by Waltz, seconded by Tetting to approve of the March 15, 2022 meeting minutes.

Motion carried 6-0.

**3. Comments from Citizens Present**

No citizens were present that wished to be heard.

**4. Discussion and Possible Action on Fourth of July Fireworks Contract with Wolverine Fireworks Display, Inc.**

Dobbeck explained that the fireworks increase is due to the support of the Village of Sussex, the Town of Lisbon, NorthShore Bank, and Meijer.

Motion by Wells, seconded by Tetting to approve the contract as presented.

Motion carried 6-0.

**5. Discussion and Possible Action on Gator replacement for Parks**

Dobbeck read the memo in the packet. Wells requested warranty information.

A motion by Tetting, seconded by Waltz to approve the purchase of the John Deere Gator 835M for \$17,424.66.

Motion carried 6-0.

**6. Discussion and Possible Action on Zero Turn Mower replacement for Parks**

Dobbeck presented the memo in the packet.

A motion by Kostka, seconded by Coenen to approve the purchase of the Scag Turf Tiger Zero Turn Mower for \$13,879.00.

Motion carried 6-0.

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

Dobbeck shared the following information:

-Village Park Entry Sign has stopped working. We have it turned off but will be exploring a replacement cost for the budget process.

-Melinda Weaver Letters were mailed to resident's whose property meets Melinda Weaver and informed of the changes/updates that are being explored. We are surveying the area to assess drainage concerns.

-Egg Drop was a success! We had 400 kids signed up over 4 time slots. Weather could've been better, but we love partnering with the fire department on this event.

-The Arbor Day 5K is Saturday April 30. We have 101 runners currently signed up and 46 kids run participants. We have community booths as well that will be at the event that anyone can come and visit.

-Farmers Market is planning to start on June 19; 9:30am-1pm. They currently have 11 vendors including a farmer and a coffee vendor. They are currently soliciting community booths to participate as well.

-Adults Over 50 Coordinator – we have a new Adults Over 50 coordinator, Lydia Vanderpoel who starts tomorrow 4/20. We are excited to have her on board as she brings a wealth of experience and insight to the role.

-Armory Park Bathrooms – were significantly vandalized on Sunday April 10. We are working through clean up and repairs and exploring camera systems for the exterior of all of our park bathrooms. Tetting requested staff explore adding a portable restroom by A4 while bathrooms are being repaired.

-Baseball Fields have been difficult to keep open with this rainy spring. Because of the rain, plus the location of the fields, it's causing difficulties with rescheduling practices/games due to our extremely full schedule. Tetting requested staff explore moving up the deadline for field closures to better convenience families.

## **8. Topics for Future Agenda Items**

None

## **9. Adjournment**

Motion by Tetting, seconded by Kostka to adjourn at 7:03 p.m.

Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Halie Dobbeck  
Park & Recreation Director