

**VILLAGE OF SUSSEX  
PARK AND RECREATION BOARD  
6:30 PM TUESDAY, MAY 17, 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, Chuck Vojtas, and Trustee Ron Wells.

Members Excused: Chris Kostka

Staff Present: Park & Recreation Director, Halie Dobbeck

Others Present: Trustee Stacy Riedel

**2. Consideration and action on minutes from the April 19, 2022, meeting.**

Motion by Coenen, seconded by Wells to approve of the March 15, 2022 meeting minutes.

Motion carried 6-0.

**3. Comments from Citizens Present**

Jerrold Schilter – N61W23772 Sumac Lane

Stated that the yard waste site road is very dusty. Requested that staff investigate paving or dust control methods.

Dobbeck stated she would pass the request to Public Works staff.

**4. Chair and Vice Chair Election**

Waltz nominated Bob Fourness for Park and Recreation Board Chair. No other nominations were presented.

A motion by Waltz, seconded by Tetting to elect Bob Fourness as Park and Recreation Board Chair.

Motion carried 6-0.

Tetting nominated Mike Waltz for Park and Recreation Board Vice Chair. No other nominations were presented.

A motion by Tetting, seconded by Fourness to elect Mike Waltz as Park and Recreation Board Vice Chair.

Motion carried 6-0.

**5. Discussion and Cultural Special Event Exploration**

Dobbeck introduced Trustee Riedel. Trustee Riedel shared her desire to explore the addition of another special event that focused on other cultures. Trustee Riedel gave examples of Diwali and Cinco de Mayo. She noted that some of these cultures have rented our facilities to host these celebrations and suggested that we reach out to see if there's a way to partner.

Fourness asked if groups have come forward asking for this or are we looking at creating the opportunity. Trustee Riedel said that she is looking to create this opportunity.

Coenen asked if a committee would be formed to for this event exploration. Trustee Riedel said that she would like to form a committee to do research and then bring back to Park Board for consideration.

Fourness stated that when bringing an idea back to the board, it should address the budget impact the event would have.

Dobbeck asked the Park and Recreation Board if anyone would be interested in joining the committee. Coenen volunteered.

There was a consensus of the Park and Recreation Board to pursue exploration and bring back information to the board for consideration at a later date.

#### **6. Park & Recreation Director's Report**

Dobbeck shared the following information:

- Armory Park Bathrooms have been repaired and are opened on a limited basis during scheduled field rentals. A camera system will be installed next week at all remote park locations and then the facility will be reopened.
- Armory Park Batting Cages are almost complete. The club is doing final restoration work there.
- Splash Pad opens May 27<sup>th</sup> weather permitting.
- Rock a Thon is Tuesday May 24 – you can sign up to volunteer to rock.
- Pints in the Park is Thursday June 2 at The Grove and the library is hosting trivia.
- Cruise Night is Thursday June 16 – a new route features a drive by on Main Street past the Civic Center.
- We are still short staff in Parks and Tennis.

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

- Melinda Weaver Park Design Proposal
- Splash Pad Shade Structure Proposal

#### **8. Adjournment**

Motion by Tetting, seconded by Waltz to adjourn at 7:04 p.m.

Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Halie Dobbeck  
Park & Recreation Director