

**VILLAGE OF SUSSEX  
PARK AND RECREATION BOARD  
6:30 PM TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 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 6:30 p.m.

**1. Roll Call**

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

Members Excused: Trustee Ron Wells

Staff Present: Park & Recreation Director, Halie Dobbeck

**2. Consideration and action on minutes from the June 21, 2022, meeting.**

Motion by Vojtas, seconded by Kostka to approve of the June 21, 2022 meeting minutes.

Motion carried 6-0.

**3. Comments from Citizens Present**

Jerrold Schilter – N61W23772 Sumac Lane

Mr. Schilter referenced the memo that was presented to Village Board at the July 26, 2022 Village Board meeting that acknowledged an estimated \$25,000 cost savings from the overlapping costs of Tennis and Basketball with the new addition of Pickleball. He requested that the Park Board consider amending the Village Board's motion to include a shade structure at Melinda Weaver Park or that the Park Board put the shade structure on the 2023 Budget "extras" list for consideration.

Trustee Ron Wells joined the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

**4. Shade Structure at The Grove at Village Park Splash Pad**

Dobbeck presented the memo and addressed board questions or comments.

Fourness requested to suspend the rules to allow Trustee Lee Uecker to address the board.  
Motion carried.

Trustee Lee Uecker requested that the following information be brought to Village Board: the fabric replacement costs, what winds the fabric structure can sustain and an understanding for why a wood structure was not considered.

Dobbeck shared that wood would not last next to a chemically treated splash pad which is why a steel structure was presented.

A motion by Tetting, seconded by Waltz to recommend Village Board approve the shade structures for the splash pad as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Vojtas shared concerns about the operational costs of the splash pad and asked the board if they considered charging to recuperate costs. Tetting, Waltz and Fourness all provided responses. Dobbeck shared that chemical and operating costs (except for water) have a budget of \$5,000 and that we anticipate remaining under that budget figure in 2022.

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

Dobbeck shared the following information:

- Summer Special Events (Cruise Night, Kiddie Parade, Concert in the Park, Prides Park Grand Opening/Pints in the Park, National Night Out and Main Street Block Party) went very well. We received a lot of positive feedback and all were highly attended.
- Staff is planning a joint ribbon cutting ceremony with the Town of Lisbon for Stone Family Park
- The "Sussex Tree" Bur Oak lost a large limb in a recent storm. We are planning to save the wood to repurpose. Additionally, we had Wachtel Tree Services complete an assessment of the tree. They determined that it is 66% dead but there is still new growth and that they anticipate it continuing to lose limbs in storms – however, the risk to park goers is very small. They also recommend dead limb removal this winter which is on the Parks work list.
- All 100% dead trees in our neighborhood parks and Armory Park were removed this summer by our Parks team. Our focus will now be in Village Park.

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

-October Meeting on 10/18/22 will be at Lions Open Air Pavilion in Village Park at 5:30 p.m. to discuss next steps in the Village Park Master Plan.

#### **7. Adjournment**

Motion by Fourness, seconded by Waltz to adjourn at 7:01 p.m.

Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Halie Dobbeck  
Park & Recreation Director