

**BALDWIN TOWNSHIP
PARK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 7TH, 2023**

Call Meeting to Order: The Baldwin Park Committee meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chair Zac Good.

Pledge of Allegiance: All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Chair Zac Good, Vice Chair Sarah Koste, Al Walker, Lester Kriesel, Town Board Liaison Tom Rush

Absent: Robb Rydmark and Mary Larson

Approve Agenda: Tom Rush to add "Trail Grant update" under New Business as Letter "B". **Lester Kriesel motioned to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Al Walker. All in favor, motion carried.**

Approve Minutes: Zac Good motioned to approve the November 9th, 2023 minutes as presented, seconded by Sarah Koste. All in favor, motion carried.

PLAT: None

New Business:

Update map signage at Young Park to show current trail system – Good has identified several trails that are not on the current trail map. Rush stated the current map was made in 2012 and he agrees they do need to be updated. There are currently three signs at Young Park. Good recommends having six signs. Rush asked Good to obtain pricing for the signs.

Trail grant update – Good stated the Board has decided to remove Goose Lake trails from the DNR grant. They are currently only working at Young Parks proposed trails. Rush stated the DNR were okay with the revisions at Young Park but had some concerns regarding Goose Lake as there may be cultural review. The trails are still be completed at Young Park. The engineers have re-done the ship file, Rush received an email on forms that need to be filled out and submitted. Vice Chair Koste asked how much money was taken from the grant, Rush stated it is between \$20,000 to \$25,000 dollars.

Old Business:

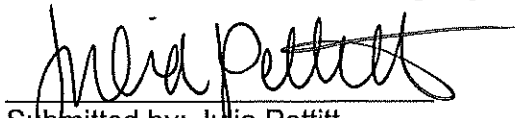
Selection of Playground Systems from multiple vendors – Charles Bot with SafetyFirst introduced himself to the Committee. He stated SafetyFirst can do the demolition, remove the old playground equipment, and can install the new equipment. Bot stated it would be a two-week process. The Committee reviewed the three catalogs and discussed the differences between the companies and the warranties attached to the equipment. Mr. Bot explained it may take multiple meetings to conclude what equipment they would want to purchase. He explained

most of the equipment is able to be customized and additional equipment can be added onto it including changing it to a different color. Rush would like to, once there are a few select playground equipment picked out, to have a meeting with the Park Committee, SafetyFirst and the Town Board. Good asked is Miracle is comparable to Burke. Mr. Bot stated Miracle is more affordable to the best of his knowledge. Good asked what the current price is for a swing set is. Mr. Bot stated they are a couple thousand dollars as the price is more for the container area around it. It requires a large safety zone of 16 feet. Good stated the rubber mat option should be looked into to avoid wood chips from being kicked out from underneath. Charles stated they did more Miracle than Burke installations this year. The only issue he has noted was that Miracle has sent the wrong parts or forgot to ship a part which can cause a delay in the installation. He stated that it is an inconvenience but a minor one. Vice Chair Koste would like to add accessible seating for individuals with disability, such as an ADA seat. Rush asked what the typical shipping time frame is. Charles Bot stated it is typically between 4 to 6 months. Good asked if the 60% for the equipment includes demolition costs? Charles stated they could add that in. Committee members are to send their two picks for playground equipment to the Deputy Clerk before the next Park Committee meeting.

Park Updates, Town Board Liaison – Rush stated he is going to be asking for additional funding for the Park fund for the 2025 Budget.

Other Business: Good gave an update on the National Fitness Court. Good stated he has spoken with a concrete company that estimated it would be around \$16,000 for the concrete. Installation costs \$25,000.00, they stated the Town could contact a company to install the court instead. The Committee reviewed the list of possible companies to speak with regarding sponsorships. There was another option to hold off on the project for 18 months. Rush explained the Town Board is wanting a new playground before the fitness court. There is more to be discussed and researched before taking the next steps.

Adjourn – Lester Kriesel motioned to adjourn, seconded by Sarah/Koste. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.


Submitted by: Julia Pettitt
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer


Approved by: Zac Good
Chair

1-18-24
Date

Attendees: Charles Bot, Kinsley Good and Ella Good