

## **BALDWIN PARK COMMITTEE MINUTES JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> 2024**

**Call Meeting to Order:** The Baldwin Park Committee was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Baldwin Park Committee Chair Zac Good.

**Present:** Chair Zac Good, Vice Chair Sarah Koste, Alan Walker, Robb Rydmark, Lester Kriesel, Mary Larson and Town Board Liaison Tom Rush.

**Agenda: Approve/Add/Amend:** Robb Rydmark to add "Trail signs for Young Park" under New Business as Letter "A" and "Security signs and cameras at Young Park" under New Business as Letter "B". **Lester Kriesel motioned to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Sarah Koste. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Approve/Amend Minutes:** Sarah Koste motioned to approve the December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Zac Good. All in favor, motion carried.

**Plat:** None

**New Business: Trail signs at Young Park** – Good stated he has not made any progress on trail sign research at this time. Rush explained the current trail signs are outdated and don't show all of the trails now in the park. Rush stated since we are getting the grant and will have a new trail, he thinks if we know where it is going to be located to wait to order the sign until the new trail location is known. Good stated the Lester Kriesel trail is going to be very good. M-R Sign may be able to, Deputy Clerk to check if Jellyfish Graphics do trail signs. Robb suggested having signs that state where people are located on the map. Rush suggested to check with M-R signs, Minuteman and Jenny Renolds. Good to create a request for proposal letter for Mary Larson, she will be assisting in getting trail signs at Young Park. Good stated the second doggy station has made a very big difference in clean-up.

**Security signs and cameras at Young Park** – Robb stated there has been vandalism at Young Park and would like to have additional security measures. Rush stated the Town Board talked about the cameras; they would need to get Wi-Fi at the park in order for them to work. A suggestion was made to have two signs that read, "Smile You're On Camera". Rush stated he can bring it back up to the Town Board to discuss those options.

### **Old Business:**

**Discuss playground equipment picked by Committee Members** – Rush stated the Park fund went from \$60k to \$90k for 2025. He stated they will need to bond for the playground equipment. He told the Board the Park Committee would narrow down two choices, two for the 2–5-year-olds and two for the 5–12-year-olds. He would like to have a joint meeting with the Park Committee and the Board to go over the chosen playground equipment. Good asked if they would be able to reallocate

monies used for the Fitness Court for the playground equipment to have additional funding. Rush stated they have some different options to obtain additional funding but he would like to see what it may be used elsewhere. Charles Bot presented quotes he put together from what was received from Zac Good. He was able to find discounts for current equipment. The Committee agreed that they preferred playgrounds through Miracle. He stated any prices can be paid directly to Miracle. Chuck stated about 70 – 75% is typically what is spent for demolition, installation and getting rid of the old equipment. He was able to obtain quotes for around 50%. Good asked if the Township were able to complete the demolition, removing the playground, would they see a reduction in the costs? Chuck stated there would be. Rush is interested in having the Public Works department completing the demolition and removing the old equipment and wood chips. Chuck stated Baldwin could buy the equipment directly and he would coordinate the delivery and installation. Charles stated the installation of the equipment would be roughly \$60,000. The Deputy Clerk went through a presentation with the playground equipment picked by the Committee members. Robb asked which colors typically fade from the sun. Charles stated red, yellow and pinks. The colors that take longer to fade are blues and browns. Natural tones are more likely to take longer to fade. The Committee chose Tom Rush's Toddlers' Choice 1, Natural In-ground, and Al Walkers for the 2–5-year-old playground. The Committee chose Tom and Sarahs City Park equipment choice, Zac Good's Mega Tower, and CJ Kelly Park for the 5–12-year-old playground. The Committee would like to have the Board meet for the regular Park Committee meeting on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

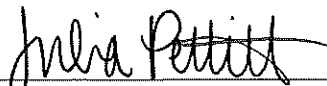
**Comprehensive Plan:** None

**Park Updates: Town Board Liaison Tom Rush-** Public Works will be working on the Lester Krisel trail next week at Goose Lake Park. Rush stated they will be reaching out to West Branch who have done trails in the past to re-do the granite. He suggested adding Funfest to the March agenda. A suggestion was made to talk to the Town Board regarding starting a Funfest committee.

**Other Business:** Mary Larson asked if she would be able to approach the Chamber of Commerce. Rush to talk to the Town Board about that and will get back to her.

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**Adjourn – Zac Good** motioned to adjourn, seconded by Robb Rydmark. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

  
Submitted by: Julia Pettitt  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

2/15/24  
Date

Attendees: Charles Bot

  
Approved by: Zac Good-  
Chair- Sarah Koste  
Vice chair