

BALDWIN PARK COMMITTEE MINUTES FEBRUARY 15th, 2024

Call Meeting to Order: The Baldwin Park Committee was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice Chair Sarah Koste.

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

Present: Vice Chair Sarah Koste, Lester Kriesel, Alan Walker, Robb Rydmark and Mary Larson

Also present Town Board Liaison Tom Rush and Supervisor Scott Case

Absent: Chair Zac Good

Agenda: Add/Amend/Approve: Tom Rush to add "Holm Family" after PLATS. Mary Larson to add "Discuss FunFest" under New Business as Letter "C". **Lester Kriesel motioned to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Alan Walker. All in favor, motioned carried.**

Clerk Minutes Amend/Approve: Mary Larson found one correction on page 2, changed "Congress" to "Commerce". **Mary Larson motioned to approve the January 18th, 2024 meeting minutes as amended, seconded by Lester Kriesel. All in favor, motion carried.**

PLAT: None

Holm Family discussion – Amy Holm and her children Jackson, Dalton and Cora Holm were present to discuss their opinions on the playground equipment presented by SafetyFirst. They chose Option B; they stated they liked the slides and the tower.

New Business:

Meeting with Town Board to discuss playground equipment – Town Board Liaison Rush stated since there is not a quorum of Board members no decisions can be made tonight. Bob Clarin discussed the previous projects completed by SafetyFirst in the surrounding areas. Case asked how long the prices presented are good for. Chuck Bot stated for the rest of the year and it's better to order equipment sooner than later. Case discussed his concern regarding the Incorporation of Baldwin Township and the timeline for getting a new playground. He stated he would like to hold off getting playground equipment until after the Incorporation hearings. Rush asked when equipment would arrive if it was ordered in June. Bob Clarin stated it would arrive around September – October. Rush asked if they would be able to install it at that time. Chuck Bot stated yes, as long as there was not much snow on the ground. Robb Rydmark asked about playground colors and how fast they fade. Bob Clarin stated new equipment is getting better in red, yellow, blue and green. Case asked how long it takes for the installation of the equipment. Chuck Bot stated 2 weeks. The Committee asked if they would be able to move the 2 – 5-year-old equipment in Option A to Option B. It would reduce the overall cost by approximately

\$20,000.00. Tom Rush presented a roll call vote for Option B with the above listed changes. The motion passed with 4 votes in favor and 1 against.

Review Sandy Lake Beach Stormwater Solutions from Sherburne County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) – Rush to table until the March 21st, 2024 meeting. Mary Larson motioned, seconded by Lester Kriesel. Motion carried.

Discuss Funfest – Mary Larson stated she would be willing to lead the Baldwin Funfest organization. She explained she would like to speak at the Annual Meeting to get volunteers. Larson read through an example of her speech to be presented at the Annual Meeting. She presented the idea of having a chili cookoff and reaching out to the VFW to see if they would be willing to host bingo. Rush explained the need for volunteers. Mary to work with the Deputy Clerk getting the word out about needing volunteers. Larson stated she spoke with Sherburne Bank and they are interested in sponsoring. She presented a suggestion on sponsor signs for an initial sign cost being \$200.00 then a yearly charge of \$75 to \$100.

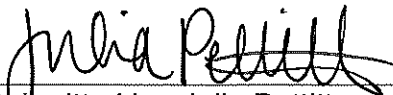
Old Business: None.

Comprehensive Plan: None.

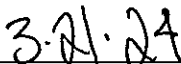
Park Updates, Town Board Liaison Tom Rush: Town Board Liaison Tom Rush stated Public Works took down 6 trees at Sandy Lake. They have pathed the Lester Kriesel trail at Goose Lake Park. The Zimmerman Softball team will be using the Young Park fields this summer. Public Works cut down the box-elder tree in Young Park and they are looking to get a stump grinder in the spring.

Other Business: Lester Kriesel stated he would like to have pictures shown on the television during meetings. The Committee agreed. Sarah Koste stated she would like a map of where all the Parks are in the Township. Deputy Clerk to get that information.

Adjourn Meeting – Mary Larson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Alan Walker. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.


Submitted by: Julia Pettitt
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer


Approved by: Zac Good
Chair


Date

Attendees: Bob Clarin, Charles Bot, Amy Holm, Jackson, Dalton and Cora Holm