

BALDWIN PARK COMMITTEE MINUTES OCTOBER 17th, 2024

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

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

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

Agenda: Add/Amend/Approve: Under Plats, add Krenz Farm Simple Plat. Under new business, add discuss November and December meetings.

Lester Kriesel motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Mary Larson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Approval of Minutes:

Robb Rydmark motioned to approve the September 19, 2024 Park Committee meeting minutes. Sarah Koste seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

PLAT:

Willow Ridge Estates/Brinker is an existing 39.92-acre parcel being divided into 2 lots.

Zac Good motioned to approve the dedication fee. Mary Larson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Krenz Farm is an existing 28.66-acre parcel being divided into 1 lot.

Zac Good motioned to approve the dedication fee. Sarah Koste seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

New Business:

Post FunFest Update/Discussion

Mary Larson discussed the pros and cons of this year's FunFest. The Paint a Plow and all the kids' activities went really well. Larson is requesting a second plow for next year. Zac Good agreed to having a second plow. The Car Show numbers were higher than past FunFest numbers. The Fire Department sold out of food and had to get more. The vendor turnout was great, and the vendors were happy with the sales. Zac Good stated the hayride was a big hit. Mary Larson's goal this year was to get Baldwin's name out there and increase the attendance numbers. Mary Larson is requesting that we look at the second weekend in September for next year's FunFest. Larson would like to make this a 2-and-a-half-day event. Zac Good

recommended we speak to the committee that runs Wild West Days in Zimmerman. Mary Larson suggested a 50/50 raffle for next year that would put the funds towards something the town may need in the future for parks and recreation. Larson is looking into a vendor that could make trophies made out of car parts for the car show next year and suggests looking into sponsorships from local businesses.

Mary Larson stated the DJ had issues with a speaker and there were some complaints that the music was too loud. Bingo did not do well this year, and that could have been due to the location. Larson suggested that we look into controlling the cotton candy, popcorn, and donut section a little more. Larson stated that we did not have enough publicity for the dog costume parade and suggested we advertise more with vet clinics around Princeton. A decision could be made to not to do the dog costume parade next year. Larson stated volunteers are needed; however, we need to figure out how to allocate their time.

Mary Larson requested the Park Committee look over the provided dash plaque choices and discuss which one to order in October. Robb Rydmark requested more options.

Robb Rydmark motioned to table the dash plaques until January. Sarah Koste seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Mary Larson wants to note that the bounce house business we worked with has a lot more options coming for next year. He was great to work with and his wife had a booth and did well.

Feasibility of FunFest at 30-acre complex lot

Mary Larson stated the need to move away from Young Park due to the lack of parking. Safety was addressed so parking could not be done on County Road 38. Zac Good requested the Park Committee bring ideas to the Town Board regarding the lot. Larson stated working with vendors that have their own generators would be a benefit. Tom Rush suggested working with the Fire Chief as he has some concerns about using the lot. Zac Good suggested trying to maintain the area could help make progress out at the 30-acre lot. Good suggested a gravel area for parking or flagged off areas for parking. Tom Rush suggested utilizing both Young Park and the 30-acre lot by using Young Park for a car show and using the 30 acres for more of the carnival aspect. Rush suggested we bring a few ideas to the Town Board to start discussion.

Discuss November and December Meetings

Tom Rush suggested being respectful of the Park Committees family time during the holiday months and not meeting during November and December. If there are plats that come up during the months of November and December, they can be emailed to the committee. Zac Good agrees with waiting to meet again until January.

Mary Larson motioned for the Park Committee to resume in January. Lester Kriesel seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Old Business: None

Park Updates, Town Board Liaison Tom Rush

Tom Rush suggested each park committee member come back in January with one or two ideas that should be considered to work on next year. Rush stated this was a great year for the park committee. The Young Park playground equipment turned out great and there is appreciation to the Park Committee for helping with that. Rush stated the parks got new garbage cans, buoys, benches, and the boardwalks completed this year. Rush would like to see a little league field at Young Park and maybe a soccer or youth football field behind the brown shed. Rush stated we should look at Goose Lake Park for some updates next year.

Other Business: None

Adjourn Meeting

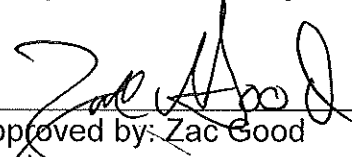
Mary Larson motioned to adjourn the Park Committee meeting at 8:35 pm. Robb Rydmark seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.



Submitted by: Kayla Nielsen
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer



Date



Approved by: Zac Good
Chair