



**PARK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 16, 2025**

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

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

Present: Chair Zac Good, Vice Chair Sarah Koste, Committee members Mary Larson, Robb Rydmark, and Lester Kriesel.

Also present: City Council Liaison Tom Rush.

Approval of the Agenda:

Add Election of Officers as letter A under New Business

Lester Kriesel motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Mary Larson seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes:

Robb Rydmark motioned to approve the October 17, 2024 Park Committee meeting minutes. Sarah Koste seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

PLAT: None.

New Business:

Election of Officers

Chair Zac Good opened the floor for nominations for Chair of the Park Committee.

Lester Kriesel nominated Zac Good as chair, there were no other nominations.

Mary Larson motioned to approve Zac Good as the chair of the Park Committee. Rob Rydmark seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Zac Good accepted the nomination.

Chair Zac Good opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair of the Park Committee.

Robb Rydmark nominated Sarah Koste, there were no other nominations.

Mary Larson motioned to approve Sarah Koste as the Vice Chair of the Park Committee. Lester Kreisel seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Sarah Koste accepted the nomination.

Approve 2025 Park Committee Meeting Schedule

Change May 22, 2025 to May 15, 2025.

Zac Good motioned to approve the 2025 Park Committee Meeting schedule as amended. Lester Kreisel seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Park Committee Goals for 2025

Zac Good would like to add additional parking at Young Park, improve Sandy Lake Beach to make it more user friendly and add a frisbee golf course at Goose Lake Park.

Sarah Koste would like to see some crushed granite trails and remove some of the dead trees at Goose Lake Park.

Mary Larson also supports additional parking at Young Park and would like to add a volunteer committee or a "Friends of Baldwin" to help with events around the City.

Robb Rydmark would like to see a little league field at Young Park. Robb would also like to apply for a grant to remove the buckthorn trees. Robb also suggested updating the trail signs at Young Park.

Lester Kriesel would like more photos of all the parks to view at future Park Committee meetings and add them to the website.

Discuss Updating Park on the City of Baldwin Website

Tom Rush suggests going out to all the parks in the spring and taking pictures at each location. The city can take these pictures to put on the website with descriptions of each location and what each location has to offer. Robb Rydmark suggested getting aerial photos of each park.

Baldwin FunFest: Pick a date, establish a committee, and allocation of funds

Mary Larson suggested having FunFest on August 16, 2025 in conjunction with the Baldwin Fire Dance. Baldwin Fire will be using the church across the street for parking. It might be a good idea to ask the church if Baldwin could use their property

for FunFest, instead of having it at Young Park. Mary is going to call Eternity Church to ask them. Mary has about 3 members on the FunFest committee. Tom Rush asked the Deputy Clerk to put out a post/flyer on social media sites for volunteers, in the newsletter and the newspaper. Mary Larson has a lot of ideas for this year's FunFest and would like to request a larger budget. Tom Rush suggested \$4,000 and will bring it to the City Council for approval.

Long term repairs to Sandy Lake boat launch

Sandy Lake Boat Launch is currently inaccessible to traffic due to ice heaving. There are issues every year with the concrete coming up out of the gravel because of the frozen water levels. Zac Good stated that the boat launch should be extended to make it more of a long-term boat launch. Tom Rush suggested getting estimates from TW Hauling. The boat launch is unusable right now and needs to be fixed in the spring.

Discuss second driveway at Young Park

Zac Good envisioned making a second driveway near the ball field and possibly adding a gravel area for parking. That area could then be used as attendance parking for both FunFest and ball games. Tom Rush suggests getting an area picked out and looking at some estimates and bringing it to the City Council in the spring.

Old Business: None.

Comprehensive Plan: None.

Park Updates, City Council Liaison Tom Rush:

City Council Liaison Tom Rush thanked the Park Committee for a great year last in 2024. The new playground equipment at Young Park looks great. Tom is looking forward to seeing what the Park Committee accomplishes this year.

Other Business:

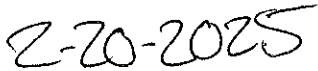
Zac Good mentioned that the resident who owned the old schoolhouse on county road 19 passed away. It is a very historic building. Zac wondered if the city would consider buying it for historical purposes.

Adjourn Meeting –

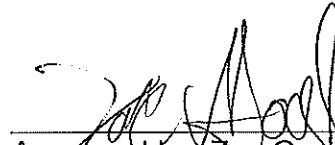
***Mary Larson motioned to adjourn the Park Committee meeting at 8:50 pm.
Lester Kriesel seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.***



Submitted by: Kayla Nielsen
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer



Date



Approved by: Zae Good
Chair

Attendees: None