



PARK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 20, 2025

Call Meeting to Order: The Baldwin Park Committee Meeting was called to order by Chair Zac Good 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, and Robb Rydmark.

Absent: Lester Kriesel

Also present: City Council Liaison Tom Rush

Approval of Agenda:

Under new business add:

D. Discuss Committee Terms

E. Funfest Update – Mary Larson

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

Approval of Minutes from January 16, 2025:

Page two, under 2025 Goals, Robb Rydmark mentioned adding a bench at Goose Lake park. Zac Good noted that the Park Committee discussed a bench is already there. Strike that from the minutes.

Sarah Koste motioned to approve the January 16, 2025 Park Committee meeting minutes as amended. Mary Larson seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

PLAT: None

New Business:

Purchasing a Drone for photo opportunities

Zac Good spoke for Lester Kriesel as he was absent. Zac stated Lester proposed purchasing a drone for park photo opportunities. This is only for discussion at this

time. Mary Larson agreed that it would be beneficial for adding photos of the parks to our website and possibly the fire department. Mary Larson is concerned about pricing regarding a new drone. Zac Good stated the pricing is around \$1,000. Zac Good mentioned he has a few photos and videos that he took a few years ago using his own drone. The photos could be used as a pitch to the City Council. Robb Rydmark is concerned about potential damages with a \$1,000 drone and asked that we start with something at a lower cost. Zac Good mentioned splitting between road and bridge, parks, and general fund. Tom Rush suggests looking at prices and bringing it back to the March 20, 2025 park meeting.

Resident Rosie Walker (10631 297th Ave) attended the meeting and asked who would be qualified or trained in using the drone if one is purchased. Zac Good stated he would. Mary Larson agrees that there should be some kind of training with the drone.

Request adding an Alternate Committee Member

Both Sarah Koste and Mary Larson were alternates before they got their permanent spots on the Park Committee. The Park Committee received two applications.

Rosie Walker (10631 297th Ave) was in attendance. Rosie Walker introduced herself to the Park Committee.

Mary Larson made a motion to nominate Rosie Walker as an alternate on the Park Committee. Sarah Koste seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Park Committee would like to add a second alternate and asked the Deputy Clerk to reach out to the other applicant. The Park Committee to interview the applicant at the next Park Committee meeting on March 20, 2025.

Scott Schmidt (14215 285th Ave) – North Boat access at Little Elk Lake

Scott Schmidt attended tonight's meeting to discuss adding a boat access on the North side of Little Elk Lake on 287th Avenue. Mr. Schmidt cleaned up 2.6 acres of trees and brush around the lake this year and the next step is to clean up the area where the city owns 1.5 acres of land. It was intended to be another boat access; however it was never fully completed or decided upon. Mr. Schmidt would like the Park Committees opinion on what they would like the area to look like in the future and get some ideas for future work. Some examples would be a beach or recreation area. Tom Rush suggested the Park Committee view this area at a later meeting. Zac Good and Public Works to meet Mr. Schmidt at the 287th Avenue landing on February 26, 2025 with the surveyor.

Discuss Committee Terms

Sarah Koste noted that the terms for the Park Committee need to be staggered. Zac Good to renew his term starting in April 2025 to align with Sarah Koste. The Park Committee would then have 2 committee member terms ending the same year, and the other 3 committee member terms would end the following year. The terms were currently not aligned due to a previous committee member resigning prior to their term being completed.

Mary Larson made a motion to make the 2 terms expire in April 2025 and the other 3 terms to expire in April 2027. Rosie Walker seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Both Sarah Koste and Zac Good announced they would both be renewing their terms in April 2025 contingent on City Council approval.

FunFest 2025 Update

Mary Larson has been in contact with Eternity Church to secure the grounds for FunFest. She has also spoken with a few food vendors. FunFest will be on August 16, 2025 from 11 am to 3 pm. Mary Larson has been in contact with the event coordinator for Wild West Days in Zimmerman to find companies who offer carnival rides for Baldwin FunFest.

Old Business: None

Comprehensive Plan: None

Park Updates, City Council Liaison Tom Rush:

City Council Liaison Tom Rush created a list of amenities for each park in Baldwin to put on the website. Princeton Youth Baseball is interested in using the ballpark at Young Park this coming spring.

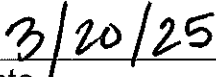
Other Business: None

Adjourn Meeting –

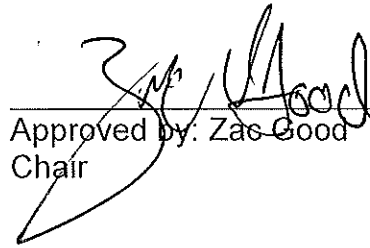
Mary Larson made a motion to adjourn the Park Committee meeting at 8:57 pm. Robb Rydmark seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.



Submitted by: Kayla Nielsen
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer



Date



Approved by: Zac Good
Chair

Attendees: Rosie Walker and Scott Schmidt