



PARK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 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, Lester Kriesel and Robb Rydmark.

Also present: City Council Liaison Tom Rush

Approval of Agenda:

Add Kermit Young's Picture as letter G under New Business.

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

Approval of Minutes from February 20, 2025:

Sarah Koste motioned to approve the February 20, 2025 Park Committee meeting minutes as written. Zac Good seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

PLAT: None

New Business:

Alternate Interview with Jacqueline Faddler

Jacqueline Faddler (11312 300th Ave NW) was in attendance and introduced herself to the Park Committee.

Chair Zac Good spoke to Mrs. Faddler about the structure of the Park Committee and what the expectations are for an alternate member. Currently the bylaws state that the Park Committee can only have 1 alternate member. The bylaws are being discussed under New Business, letter f.

Discuss Park Ordinance

The Park Ordinance has not been updated since 2012 and will need to be updated now that incorporation to a city has been granted.

Mary Larson noted on page 7 information about camping, under regulations of recreational activities. The City of Baldwin does not have any camping spots and should be removed from the ordinance. Zac Good mentioned there is a sign at Young Park that states no camping allowed.

Sarah Koste made a motion to table the Park Ordinance discussion until the April 17, 2025 Park meeting. Mary Larson seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

April Park Meeting/Site Visit (Elk Lake, Goose Lake, Young Park)

The Park Committee will start the April 17, 2025 meeting with a site visit to Lake Diane, Lake Helene, Elk Lake, and the Rain Garden. The Park Committee will meet at the City Hall at 6:00 pm and will return to City Hall to complete the rest of the agenda around 7:00 pm. The public are welcome to attend the site visits.

Drone Pricing

Lester Kriesel suggested the Park Committee purchase a drone for images and videos to be taken of the parks. The committee would greatly benefit from having these images or videos to be shown on the television during meetings. These photos and videos could help explain the topics the committee is considering.

Zac Good looked over the quotes provided and suggested the DJI Mini Pro 4. This drone comes with a lot of features that would benefit the Park Committee and the City.

Robb Rydmark suggested purchasing a smaller, lower cost drone instead of purchasing a drone for \$1,000.

Mary Larson stated having something with picture and video quality could benefit the city in the future as we grow. Those images and videos could be used for power points, the website, and more.

Jacqueline Faddler asked if there is a possibility of renting a drone when needed instead of buying one due to advancements in technology. Mary Larson asked what the liabilities would be on renting a drone.

City Council Liaison Tom Rush inquired as to how much this would get used.

Zac Good stated the Park Committee and the City could use the drone for annual photos and eventually do a time lapse video. Zac sees this being used for roads and Public Works. Photos and videos could show the progression of road projects.

Alternate Rosie Waker asked what the legalities are about taking photos or videos with residents being in the area. Tom Rush to ask the city attorney.

Zac Good noted a warranty should be purchased with the drone.

Zac Good made a friendly to ask the City Council for a dollar amount rather than pick a drone today. Mary Larson suggested spending \$1300 on a drone with a warranty.

Lester Kriesel motioned to approve up to \$1300 for the purchase of a drone with warranty. Mary Larson seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Zac Good made a friendly that road and bridge, park, and general fund would all contribute in the purchase.

Mosquito/Wood Tick Spray at Young Park

Zac Good met with Hometown Pest Control. Zac mentioned that the Park Committee viewed this last year. This would be a one-time spray around the playground area and the pavilion at Young Park.

Mary Larson asked how long this lasts after rain. Zac Good noted the spray would last through 3 or 4 rain showers.

Lester Kriesel asked if the City has ever sprayed the parks before. Tom Rush responded the city has not. Lester does not believe the ticks would be that bad.

Jacqueline Faddler asked if there are any safety concerns for animals and children. Zac Good noted this is safe for animals and children after 30 minutes of dry time.

Tom Rush suggested this to be done in June. Mary Larson asked if this would be better to have done earlier in the season rather than later. Zac Good suggested to table and see how the insects would be once the weather is warmer.

Mary Larson made a motion to table until the April 17, 2025 park meeting. Lester Kriesel seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Park Committee Bylaws

The Park Committee discussed changes to the bylaws.

Zac Good would like to add a second alternate to the park committee. Mary Larson agreed.

Discussion included applicants being non-residents, committee terms, compensation, and alternates being provided with the agenda and packet each meeting.

The bylaws will be updated and brought back to the April 17, 2025 Park Committee meeting for further review before City Council approval.

Kermit's Picture

The Historical Society of Milaca is interested in having Kermit Young's picture placed on a plaque for the ball field at Young Park. Lester requested the president visit with the Park committee to discuss this. Tom Rush suggested adding this to the May 17, 2025 park committee meeting.

Old Business:

287th Avenue Elk Lake (Scott Schmidt) Update

Teresa Barnes (28641 143rd Street) is one of the property owners that borders the area where Scott Schmidt is working on clearing brush and trees from Elk Lake. The vision Scott has would improve property values significantly. The City owns the lake frontage and in order to consider improving the area further, there would need to be a partial exchange of land as the 1.5 acres the city owns is not buildable.

Tom Rush asked Teresa Barnes to come to the 2nd City Council meeting of the month.

Zac Good is in favor of improving the area of 285th street and partially exchanging land with Scott Schmidt. This would need City Council approval.

Zac Good made a motion to exchange a portion of city land with Scott Schmidt to improve the area of 285th Street. Mary Larson seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Comprehensive Plan: None

Park Updates, City Council Liaison Tom Rush:

City Council Liaison Tom Rush stated the current Park Fund Balance as of March 2025 is \$84,554. ARC irrigation will be out at Young Park and Goose Lake the first week of June to spray the weeds around the parks and ball field. The city is still waiting for the Princeton Youth Softball League to pay for the ball fields. Clean Up Day is May 3rd, 2025. FunFest is August 16, 2024. The first Infrastructure committee meeting is March 27, 2025.

Other Business:

The Fire Chief asked if the Park Committee would look into adding a hockey rink in the area. A possible location would be south of the fire station.

Adjourn Meeting –

Mary Larson made a motion to adjourn the Park Committee meeting at 8:59 pm. Sarah Koste seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.



Submitted by: Kayla Nielsen
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

4/17/25

Date



Approved by: Zac Good
Chair

Attendees: Rosie Walker, Council Member Alan Walker, Jacqueline Faddler, Ashley Miller, and Teresa Barnes