

VILLAGE OF FOOTVILLE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026

MINUTES

1. The January 6, 2026, meeting of the Economic Development Committee was called to order by Chairman Bob Selck. Committee members present: Bob Selck (Chairman), Brian Givens, Charles Duncan, Chuck Hagmann, Dick Laws, and Steve Haberman. Danielle Harnack arrived at 7:30 pm. Also present: David Wells and Julia Engler.
2. **B. Selck will discuss plans for the new park restrooms and layout and possible grant:** The proposed grant was submitted for new park restrooms. Bob was told we should know if we will be awarded a grant by the end of January.
3. **B. Selck will discuss asking the board to allocate 20% of the TID income to the Park:** Bob will discuss asking the Footville Board to allocate 20% of the TID income to the park restoration and renovations. Discussion followed.
4. **Discuss purchase of upgrade to the ball diamond:** Brian updated the committee regarding which version of the upgrade the committee would endorse and expect the Village Board to share half of the expenses. Mixed support from the board. The middle version for \$16,578 was discussed by the board per David Wells. The Economic Development Committee would be responsible to match funds if the upper tier version was preferred. Discussion regarding fund raisers and board contributions followed.
5. **Chuck Duncan will discuss quote from Bjoin for removal of grandstand:** Chuck Duncan has had no response from Bjoin with figures for removal of the grandstand at the Village Park. Options were discussed using village employees and various disposal sites. Bids for building the restroom structure were discussed as to who approves plans – state approved plans are required for public usage buildings.
6. **Ideas for this year's Non-Profit Parks Fundraiser/Parks Committee Fundraiser and what should be purchased:** Item tabled until Danielle is back and the non-profit is established, up and running. Brian volunteered an online option for fundraising with T-shirts and hats ordered online through Walnut Creek in Beloit. Bob brought up non-profit searching for grants. Julia Engler has volunteered to research grant sources.
7. **Discuss Request For Proposal for contractors:** Bob led the discussion regarding an additional committee to develop protective covenants and restrictions for the new proposed subdivision in Footville. Joe Schwengels of J.P. Cullen was suggested as a knowledgeable resource. Bob knows people at Batterman Engineering and Gilbank Construction. Regarding potential contractors: requirements include financial stability/background, previous project experience, and references. There will be an interview process for potential contractors.
8. **Discussion, ideas, or concerns from Committee Members:** Chuck Hagmann – chain link fence to replace cable and wooden post fence at the east boundary of the park. Little or no maintenance once it's in place. Chuck will get fencing quotes to replace the cable and post version. The new parking lot area needs to be measured for fencing. Chuck Duncan has a measuring wheel. Danielle Harnack – will approach the Village Board to call a vote to approve additional dollars above the budgeted amount for park maintenance and repairs.

Veteran's Park needs a new Wisconsin flag. Bob agree to buy the flag. A new flagpole at the park near the new scoreboard is being donated by the Klusmeyer family. Fundraiser ideas: chili mania, online T-shirts, golf outing, gun raffle, webstore package options. Brian Givens – Viking Youth Baseball Club is threatening to leave Footville. Working to relocate to Brodhead or Newark.

9. **SET FUTURE MEETING DATE:** The next meeting is Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 6:00 pm.
10. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn by Dick Laws, 2nd by Bob Selck. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Submitted by Chuck Hagmann
Economic Development Committee member

APPROVED