

VILLAGE OF FOOTVILLE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026

MINUTES

1. The February 23, 2026, meeting of the Economic Development Committee was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Bob Selck. Committee members present: Bob Selck, Danielle Harnack, Brian Givens, Jeanne Wilson, Mae Cowan, Charles Duncan, and Dick Laws. Also present: Steve Haberman, Troy Suer, Julia Engler, Roland Nath, and Tom Popp.
2. **Discussion on plans for the new park restrooms, layout, and location:** The committee voted to have C. Duncan get quotes on his plans for the 3 stall bathrooms with a concession stand and utility room. There was a discussion on having the concession in the new building or waiting to put it in the new grandstand. It would be approximately \$50,000 more if we wait. So to be cost-effective it was decided to put it in the new building. There will be a men's room with urinal, women's room and family bathroom with a baby changing pull down table. They will all be ADA compliant along with large sidewalks. The budgeted money offered by the board was \$50,000 and an additional \$12,500 for the grant. We did not get the grant, so it will be funded from the \$62,500 offered. D. Harnack will ask the board for the additional money needed to make it a three-restroom structure instead of two. The committee does not want to downsize when they are trying to get more events at the park. Troy Suer believes the project can be started in the late spring and finished by early summer.
There was ongoing discussion on location of the bathrooms. Three locations were talked about. Troy Suer believes the area of the stone pavilion is the best location. The committee discussed taking it down but re-using the stones for possibly a gazebo or adding it on to the bathroom area for a sitting and eating area. The water will flow better in that area, and it will give a lot of room for adding on. This will go to the Village Board for approval.
3. **Update on ball diamond upgrade:** B. Givens received a quote from Popp Inc. to upgrade the ball diamond. Using the money the Village has offered, with approximately \$6,000 additional dollars, we could add the arch to the outer diamond. This is a very big plus for the ball players. The Parks Committee will bring the quotes to the board meeting and ask for additional money to complete the project.
4. **Plans for taking over the Viking Youth Concession stand by the non-profit:** The non-profit will be taking over the Viking Youth concession stand this year. It will be a trial. We are trying to work together to make summer ball more successful and bring in more teams.
5. **Chuck Duncan will discuss quotes for the removal of the grandstand:** C. Duncan had 2 quotes for the grandstand removal. This is just to give an idea for future projects. The first quote was \$18,500 and the second quote was \$11,500. The fire department has also offered their help if needed.
6. **Discuss removing inactive Economic Development Committee members and adding members to the Economic Development Committee and the non-profit committee:** The Economic Development Committee will be putting a few people on the inactive list just until they want to become active again - Douglas Reith, Taron Kobs and Brian Givens. There are

two additions to the non-profit – Mae Cowan and Jeanne Wilson. If anyone else is interested, please let the committee or the Village Office know.

- 7. Discuss the 100-year Park celebration for next year – Parks & Recreation Committee, non-profit and Economic Development Committee:** The non-profit, Parks & Recreation Committee and the Economic Development Committee will be working on a 100-year celebration for 2027.
- 8. Discuss contractors for the new subdivision:** Nine contractors have contacted Bob Selck concerning the subdivision. B. Selck, C. Duncan, and C. Hagmann will bring their opinions to the board for approval.
- 9. Discuss developing a 3-year plan for the renovation of the Park:** There is a 3-year plan:
2026: Build new bathrooms and update the ball diamond
2027: Fundraisers and 100-year anniversary
2028: Tear down the grandstand and rebuild with the TID funds.
- 10. DISCUSSION, IDEAS, OR CONCERNS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** R. Nath is not happy that the bathrooms or the infield is not completed. The committee will be working to have it done in spring and early summer.
- 11. SET FUTURE MEETING DATE:** The next meeting date is to be determined.
- 12. ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by D. Laws, 2nd by B. Givens to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Submitted by Daniell Harnack
Village Board Trustee