

Town of Caledonia
Park Committee Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2025

Bill Abba called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Abba provide updates on:

- 1.) Pagel Pier Updates
 - Paving done
 - Picnic tables, site clean up Spring 2026
 - Asphalt striping - Aug 2026
- 2.) Readfield Park Update
 - Request for lawn care bids completed, Fischers selected
- 3.) Park Rules Update
 - Finalize signage language - Feb 2026 with Park Comm and DNR input
 - Print/Install signage - Mar - July 2026
- 4.) Zoning Permits - Gruetzmacher Park
 - Switching from two to one parcel - done
 - Land Use permit application - done
 - Sanitary permit application from State and County - done
 - State acceptance of pavilion design - done
- 5.) Playground Bid Plan
 - Waiting for timing and design on pavilion to be set
 - Expect to go out for bids before year end
 - Targeting installation when pavilion and concrete border are complete
 - Funding is set
- 6.) Pavilion Design/Bid Update
 - Bid selected from Fox Cities Builders, \$1.2 million
 - Expecting a March 1, 2026, construction start
 - Final design not adjusted will stick interior walls
 - Portico enclosed
- 7.) Maintenance Plans
 - Beginning to look at lawn care maintenance and cleaning options
 - Plan to review this over the winter and select the approach we want
- 8.) Gruetzmacher Park Construction Update
 - Wis Corp projects completed - trails, outdoor furniture, pump track, drainage, maintenance garage support
 - Maintenance garage 75% complete; electrical and interior underway, power hooked up
 - Prairie Grass purchased and received
 - Pavilion grade nearly complete
 - Court grade nearly complete
 - Pond /sledding hill under construction
 - Site grading underway
 - Trail construction underway
 - Meertz Gate
- 9.) Project Budget Update
 - Overall Budget - Town portion
 - Overall Budget - Gruetzmacher portion
 - Accessing Gruetzmacher Family Funds
- 10.) Loan Status

Application approved for submission

\$1.5 million from BCPL, \$1.2 for pavilion, \$200,000 for the Town, \$100,000 buffer

20 year/6.25% interest rate

Loan held by Town, serviced by Gruetzmacher Family

11.) Grant Update

State of Wis Dept of Administration grant request - \$2 million

ANR, Greenways Commission, Amcor, Menasha Corp

12.) Project Timeline

2025

Walking/biking trails - Nov

Pump track - done

Subgrade set for pavilion and playground - Nov

pond/sledding hill construction - Nov

Complete site grading - Nov

Plant prairie - Nov

Finish maintenance garage - Nov

Install Meartz Rd gate - Nov

Construct picnic tables and benches - done

2026

Pavilion - Aug

Playground - July

Pave driveway and parking lots and stripe - Aug

Plant pond shelf/sledding hill - May

Skill track - May

Plant tree seedlings on sledding hill/around car storage facility - May

Construct pickleball court - TBD?

Install signage - July

Grass seeding mowed lawn areas - Aug

Install security/video facilities in pavilion - July

Purchase pavilion furnishings - July

Purchase maintenance equipment - May

Purchase kitchen appliances - July

Plant pavilion/playground shade trees - Aug

13.) Issues/Discussion

Perhaps we can find a volunteer to help organize a Grand Opening event

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Snyder