

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
VILLAGE OF SOMERSET
March 13, 2024

Donnie Kern called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present at the Village Hall: Brandon Krohn, Caleb Garn, Donnie Kern, Bob Gunther, and Chuck Schwartz, MSA

Present via Zoom: Chris Dubak and Mike Kappers

Minutes

Committee reviewed the February 7, 2024, Public Works minutes. *Motion by Garn, second by Krohn to approve the February 7, 2024, Public Works meeting minutes and motion carried.*

Public Comment

Katie Byboth 1904 37th Street from the Town of Somerset commented on having a dog park in the Village. It is very important for both the Town and the Village. There are 100s across MN and WI, they pretty much run themselves. There aren't any problems with disease. She prefers to have it at Village Park. She would be willing to help with fundraising.

Robert Treloff, 201 Arnold Street is in support of the dog park.

Susan Stepka 994 198th Ave from the Town of Star Prairie currently using the New Richmond dog park. It's a wonderful way to meet neighbors. She has only had 2 issues, 1 was with her dog jumping over the fence and killing a chicken. Other than that, she has had good experiences.

Project Updates

General Updates on Active Projects: A project update memo was provided.

- ISG is presenting to the Village Board at the Tuesday, March 19th meeting.
- Pine Vale's preconstruction meeting was held Tuesday, March 12th. Tree clearing should be starting tomorrow.

Unfinished Business

Outdated Ordinances: A handout was provided.

- Discussion amongst the committee.

Motion by Garn, second by Krohn to table to the next meeting so we have time to review and motion carried.

Spring Parks Improvements Update: A handout was provided.

- Kern went over with the committee what Neil and Jim had for improvement ideas.
- Krohn is in support of a dog park, just not at the disk golf location.
- Kern talked to residents by Vet's Park – probably not a good idea to have it by the playground.
- Kern managed to secure funding; we would have to buy the gates. Kern said he got a 4' chain link fence donated. It's used and less than 10 years old.
- Garn would like to see a dog park down by the river.

Motion by Kern to put the dog park at the north side of Village Park and set a not to exceed \$4000 for gates and the fence to be inspected and approved by the Public Works department before it's installed. Discussion about if it's not acceptable, where does that leave us? Kern, we would have to decide if we could find funding to finish it or not. Gunther said doing things quickly normally doesn't pan out to doing it correctly. If you have all your questions answered and want to move on with this, that's fine. There were valid points brought up. Should we have a small and large dog venue. After much discussion, Garn seconded Kern's motion to recommend to the Village Board and motion carried. Motion by Kern, second by Garn to recommend to the Village Board the Complete Details, LLC quote for painting and staining in the amount of \$12,845.00 and motion carried. Motion by Krohn, second by Kern to recommend to the Village Board purchasing the signs

for the Disc Golf course at LaGrandeur Park in the amount not to exceed \$2500.00 and motion carried.

Ball Field Maintenance Agreement:

- Still waiting for a response from the school.

Motion by Kern, second by Garn that the Village send a letter to the school district requesting that they be at the next meeting or they have something to us to work through this ball field maintenance agreement by April's meeting and motion carried. To send a letter to the school district to get a maintenance ball field agreement or to have them here in person at this meeting to get this issue resolved and motion carried.

New Business

2024 CORP Survey: A handout was provided.

- Discussion on how to get the survey out and if there are any other questions needed. Could put something in the school districts Spartan Scoop. Could also put a note on the utility bill.
- The committee members should email Bob if they have anything to add.

Table to next month's meeting.

Street Use Permit – Pea Soup Days: A permit was provided.

- Gunther talked to Chief Trepczyk about the parade route that is presented. There are concerns about closing County Road I and Cloutier Drive and forcing traffic through the school. It slows the response time of emergency vehicles if needed. Need to start at Larry Forrest and keep Cloutier Drive open. The school did this route previously and it worked well.

Table to next month's meeting so they can talk to Dave Bracht with the Lions Club about a different route to be used.

Growing Wings Change Order #1: A change order was provided.

- Wrong change order in packet. Will bring to the Village Board with correct document.

Growing Wings Pay App #3: A pay app was provided.

- Pay App didn't include correct change order. Will bring to the Village Board with correct documents.

WWTF Plaque:

- After discussion amongst the committee, they decided to take the plaque down.

Public Works Department Report

- An update memo was provided.
- Hydro Corp inspections are going on now.

Public Works, Water, Sewer and Parks Bills

- The committee reviewed the bills.

Motion by Garn, seconded by Krohn to recommend to the Village Board approval of the Public Works, Water, Sewer and Parks Bills as presented and motion carried.

Future Agenda Items

- 2024 CORP Survey

Adjourn

Motion by Garn, seconded by Krohn to adjourn and the Public Works Committee meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.