

PARK COMMISSION NOVEMBER 13, 2023

The Park Commission meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Paul Johnson.

Members present: Paul Johnson, Alan Barrows, Mary Ziebell, and Gil Ziebell.

Excused: Tammy Johnson.

Also Present: Deputy Clerk Pauline Wigderson, Maintenance Supervisor Theresa Fitzsimmons and William & Patty Bailey, 375 Hwy 67, Dousman.

It was noted that proper notice of this meeting had been posted in accordance with the open meeting laws of the State of Wisconsin.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

Park Commission acknowledged receipt of the minutes for the Park Commission meeting of September 11, 2023, motion by Mary Ziebell to approve the minutes and waive the requirement of reading same, second by Gil Ziebell, motion passed unopposed.

INSTALLATION OF BLUEBIRD HOUSES AT WALES COMMUNITY PARK

DISCUSSION: William Bailey of the Bluebird Restoration Association of America would like to install 5 bluebird boxes in Wales Community Park. The bluebird population has decreased due to a severe snowstorm in Texas 10 years ago. They have been placing these boxes in hopes of increasing their numbers, and in the last two years Wisconsin has seen their numbers increasing. Bluebirds are very territorial and do not like to have other birds around them. Wales Community Park has the room, a water source and hopefully not too many predators – raccoons and house sparrows. Bluebirds are in Wisconsin from March through September and during that time Bill and Patty will weekly check the boxes for signs of nesting and possible eggs. If the birds do nest in the boxes there could be 2-3 nestings per season. The poles will be greased to help keep the raccoons from stealing the eggs. The boxes would be installed along the west side of the diamonds and the white fence of the cemetery. The boxes would be 50 yards apart, and if the weather holds out, he may be able to get the poles installed this November. Theresa will contact Diggers Hotline to get the area marked and is willing to help install the boxes. If it goes well, he may consider adding some boxes to Breconshire Park next year. He is not asking the Village for any money for this project, he will cover all the costs.

MOTION: Motion by Mary Ziebell to approve the installation of 5 nesting boxes in Wales Community Park on the west side of the baseball diamond, second Alan Barrows. Motion passed unopposed.

PURCHASES FOR THE END OF 2023 POSSIBLE PURCHASES FOR 2024

DISCUSSION: Theresa would like to purchase two benches, not to exceed \$1,600, for Breconshire Park and 1 pallet of 50, 40lb bags of rubber mulch. There is money left in the budget and with the price of the rubber mulch being low currently it would be a good time to purchase it and let it sit until next spring to spread it at Wales Community Park, not to exceed \$700. Some items for 2024 would be two sets of bleachers, two benches for Wales Community Park, fencing at Wales Community Park.

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MOTION: Motion by Mary Ziebell to approve the purchase of 2 benches for Breconshire Park with the cost not to exceed \$1600 and the purchase of a pallet of rubber mulch not to exceed \$700, as submitted, second Alan Barrows. Motion passed unopposed.

JOBS FOR BUILDING AND GROUNDS

DISCUSSION: There is only one seasonal help employee that is still working. Theresa should get a quote for having rocks placed around the edge of the parking lot instead of installing fencing. The restrooms have all been winterized and the last two port-a-johns have been picked up. The soccer season has ended. New equipment has been ordered, the new truck has been delivered and the old truck was sold. Theresa will be working on a list of jobs that will need to be done next year as well as a plan to get those items completed.

DISCUSSION

DISCUSSION: Alan Barrows is on the Park Ad-hoc Committee, and they have been working on some things that they would like to see completed in the Village. This Committee reviewed the Wales Comprehensive Park Plan, which was created in the 1990s. To be eligible for most grants, one of the requirements is to have an updated Park Plan. He has asked the old plan be shared with the Park Commission and the Deputy Clerk get some quotes on what it would cost to update the Plan, so the Park Commission would have something to present to the Village Board to request that the Comprehensive Park Plan be updated. This should be on the next Park Commission agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Alan Barrows to adjourn, second by Mary Ziebell, motion passed, unopposed. The regular Park Commission meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Pauline Wigderson, Secretary