

PARK COMMISSION MARCH 11, 2024

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, Tammy Johnson, and Gil Ziebell.

Also Present: Deputy Clerk Pauline Wigderson, Maintenance Supervisor Theresa Fitzsimmons, Mike Court and Nate Day (via Zoom) of SEH and Heather Nagel, 211 Kummrow Court.

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 February 12, 2024, motion by Alan Barrows to approve the minutes and waive the requirement of reading same, second by Tammy Johnson, motion passed unopposed.

RESENTATION FROM SEH ON THE PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE PARK PLAN

DISCUSSION: Nick Day and Mike Court were present to discuss their submitted quote for SEH to create the comprehensive park plan for all the parks in Wales. The timeline once the work is started would be about 6 - 8 months and that would include the open house and public hearing. Once the plan is completed, they would help us submit for grants as well. There is a chance if we start soon, we could possibly be ready to apply for a State grant in 2025. Most grants require the submitter to have a comprehensive park plan to even be considered for a grant. They recommend that there be citizen involvement in the plan to see what type of things they would like to see in the parks. SEH has a team that would work on this and have done many of these plans. The Park Commission would like to see accessibility in the parks and the Park Ad hoc committee has discussed items and submitted a list of things that could be done in the park.

MOTION: No Motion at this time.

REVIEW POSSIBLE LOCATIONS FOR A SALT SHED PLACED IN PARKS

DISCUSSION: The Village Engineer has submitted 4 possible locations for a salt shed in one of parks in Wales. Heather Nagel, 211 Kummrow Court wanted the Commission to know that she bought her house about a year ago and has been fighting the proposed location next to her house for about 7 months. She does not want the salt shed to be installed in the property on Brandybrook Road. The location could effect the wells of both herself and her neighbors. The Park Commission looked at the locations, at Fireman's Park, and three at Wales Community Park. The one at Fireman's Park is in a residential neighborhood. The 1st one at Wales Community Park is off of the west side of the entrance, the 2nd is on the west of the parking lot as you enter the park and the 4th location is off of Cregennan Bae and Branybrook Road, this location is also in a residential neighborhood. Two of the three in Wales Community Park have issues with the drainage. While none of these are a good location, if the Park Commission would be forced to make a recommendation on a location it would be the one next to the parking lot in Wales Community Park, but they strongly opposed to any of the sites in the Parks. The Park Commission understands that there would have to be additional work done with the drainage and sidewalk.

MOTION: No motion at this time, just reviewing locations.

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JOBS FOR BUILDING AND GROUNDS

DISCUSSION: The bluebird boxes are being installed at Breconshire Park. Eight of the soccer fields have been striped and as long as the weather holds the remaining 8 fields will be completed before the next Park Commission meeting. They most likely will have to do a rough cut of the grass due to the warm weather. 3 of last years seasonal help will be returning, and applications have been received. Interviews will be taking place with the next couple of weeks. One may start in April to do grass cutting and the rest will start sometime in May. Theresa is going to contact Dale Zabel to see if KMSD is still willing to do a cost share to buy 2 additional bleachers for the baseball area at Wales Community Park. They are working on cleaning up the concession areas and updating them for the upcoming season. Working on a plan about the removal of the split rail fence and what would be a proper replacement.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mary Ziebell to adjourn, second by Tammy Johnson, motion passed, unopposed. The regular Park Commission meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Pauline Wigderson, Secretary