

PARK COMMISSION APRIL 14, 2025

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

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

Also Present: Deputy Clerk Pauline Wigderson, Maintenance Supervisor Theresa Sadler, John Meyer, Administrator Gail Tamez, and via Zoom link, Nate Day of SEH.

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 March 10, 2025. Motion by Mary Ziebell to approve the minutes and waive the requirement of reading same, second by Gil Ziebell. Motion passed unopposed.

COMPREHENSIVE PARK PLAN

DISCUSSION: The changes from the last meeting have been made. The plan is well done and complete. The plan addresses items that are currently in the parks and things that the Village may want to consider in the future. This plan should be reviewed and updated as needed every 5 years. SEH will work with the Village to submit grant applications for project funding. The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program takes grant applications once a year for projects and their timeline is May 1st to have one submitted for 2025.

MOTION: Motion by Mary Ziebell, second by Gil Ziebell to recommend approval of the Village of Wales Comprehensive Park Plan to the Village Board with review of the plan every 5 years, motion passed unopposed.

MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR REPORT

DISCUSSION: The spring rough cut at Breconshire park has been completed. The lines for the soccer fields have been completed, and with the new painter it only took a day to get it done. Quotes are being requested from Ground Effects to remove the thistle at the base of the sledding hill. 4 seasonal help have been hired, three are returning from last year. They will be starting in May. There was some vandalism in Wales Community Park. Large boulders from around the parking lot were pushed into the retention pond area. Three of the ADA signs were pulled off their posts, but were able to be reinstalled. Theresa will be at the next Village Board meeting to discuss cameras and gates at the park.

DISCUSSION OF THE PARK COMMISSION

DISCUSSION: John Meyer, Village President, addressed the Commission regarding the wonderful job they have done on the creating the comprehensive plan. Over the past year and half with the successful turnover of the soccer program to a private organization, and with the Village Maintenance Supervisors' responsibilities expanded to have more care of the parks, the Commission's mission now better aligns with the Public Works Committee. As such Trustee Barrows will be a member of that Committee and the Parks will fall under it. With the recommendation from the Comprehensive Plan to create a "Friends of the Parks" group, we are asking that the 4 remaining Park Commission members be the first honorary members.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Gil Ziebell to adjourn, second by Mary Ziebell, motion passed, unopposed. The regular Park Commission meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Pauline Wigderson, Secretary