

**PARK AND RECREATION BOARD AGENDA**

**MONDAY, JULY 11, 2016**

**6:00 PM**

**Board Room**

**AND**

**JOINT PARK AND RECREATION BOARD/VILLAGE BOARD AGENDA**

**6:30 PM OR AFTER COMPLETION OF PARK BOARD, WHICHEVER IS LATER**

**210 Cottonwood Avenue, Hartland, WI**

Present: Tina Bromberger, Mike Cottrell, Curt Gundrum, Tim Hallquist, Peggy Kallenberger, Dick Landwehr and Duane Lawson.

Others Present: DPW Director Einweck and Recreation Director Yogerst.

**6:00 PM Call to Order**

**Public comments for those items not included on this agenda** (Please be advised per Wisconsin Act 123, the Park Board will receive information from the public for a three minute time period, with time extensions per the Park Board Chairman's discretion, per person, be it further advised that there may be limited discussion on the information received, however, no action will be taken under public comments.) — NONE.

**Approval of Park and Recreation Board Minutes – May 23, 2016 Meeting**

Motion (Landwehr/Cottrell) to approve the May 23 Park and Recreation Board Minutes. Carried (6-0-1). Bromberger abstained.

**Director of Public Works Items**

**Discussion and Possible Consideration of a request by a citizen, Beverly Prasser, who is asking for benches to be placed along Mill Place Pathway**

The outlot around the Mill Place Subdivision goes along the Bark River from Cardinal Lane, along the railroad tracks, to Maple Avenue. This summer the Village improved that pathway by repaving it and widening it from its 6 foot width to an 8 foot width. Two residents from 550 Cottonwood Avenue contacted the Village Hall with a request for placing benches along the pathway. Currently there is one bench at the intersection of Granary and Cardinal at the beginning of the pathway.

Staff considered installing a bench possibly along the railroad tracks because areas along the river have very poor soil. If a bench on a concrete pad is installed near the river, the bench could tip over. Mr. Einweck looked at the existing berms and vegetation behind residences. The bench placement would be so as not to have people sitting on the bench looking into residents' backyard. The idea is to place the benches about half way around the pathway.

The Village hand-delivered an informational letter to the residents along the path. Mr. Einweck showed pictures he had taken looking toward 196 and 202 Granary Circle. The foliage and berms block the view into the backyards.

There is a possibility of a volunteer group willing to install the benches.

Rob Toth, 202 Granary Circle – His concern is that American Transmission has notified him that they plan to cut down some of the trees on his berm. Therefore, the foliage that is there today may not be in the future. He does not want people sitting on the bench

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looking into his yard. About ten years ago when American Transmission announced that they were going to cut down numerous trees, then-Administrator Thiel had them replant smaller trees for replacement. However, most of those trees died. At that time, there was a 20 foot easement for the utility. Now, American Transmission says there is a 30 foot easement. More trees will be cut down. Mr. Toth also wanted to let the Village know that several neighbors have been dumping garbage in that area. Concrete has been dumped behind 204 Granary Circle on the railroad property.

It was suggested to send a letter to the area residents asking them not to dump there and give them information on where to take their refuse.

Several people thought one bench would be sufficient. It would still provide rest for people who need it on the long walk.

Mr. Toth asked if the bench could be located on the other side of the path, looking away from the yards. Also would it be possible to replace the dead trees that were planted a number of years ago?

Mike Einweck will look back to see if the trees were a Village funded project or if the utility funded it. The Village funds about 30 tree placements per year. Because of hot and dry summer conditions and pest infestation, the Village is removing up to 90 trees per year. Consequently, the tree replacement schedule gets longer and longer.

John Skinner of 202 Granary Circle was concerned that kids might congregate near a bench if it is installed. They did have some issues in the neighborhood with youth congregating in the front yards last year.

Mike Einweck did talk to Ms. Prasser. She has requested this bench because she likes to walk the path, but it is too long to walk without a rest.

There was discussion on what the bench would be made of. If a volunteer group installs it, they may suggest a type of bench. Similar benches in the Village are made of aluminum seats and backs, metal upright supports and a concrete pad. The Board also discussed plantings for screening the back yards.

One resident was very concerned about safety and attracting problems by having the bench. Police Chief Rosch came in at this point and was asked if there have been any problems with unsafe conditions on any pathways in the Village. Chief Rosch said there are very rarely any problems. The resident thought that the planned area is too secluded to be patrolled often.

Motion (Bromberger/Kallenberger) to table until the August Park Board Meeting the discussion and possible consideration of a citizen request for benches along Mill Place Pathway. Carried (7-0).

At the next Park Board Meeting, Mike Einweck will have the information about who did the tree replacement along the railroad tracks and the possible volunteer group for installing the bench.

### **Discussion and possible consideration to select the final design for the Veterans Memorial to be placed in Nixon Park**

Because it was time for the joint meeting with the Village Board, the item was tabled in order to move forward and meet with the Village Board for a joint discussion and possible consideration of this item.

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Motion (Kallenberger/Lawson) to table the discussion and possible consideration to select the final design for the Veterans Memorial to be placed in Nixon Park until the joint meeting with the Village Board immediately following the adjournment of this Park Board Meeting. Carried (7-0).

**Announcements:** It is not contemplated that these matters will be discussed or acted upon. The following individuals may provide announcements: Park and Recreation Board Members or other Village Staff members

None.

**Adjourn**

Motion (Cottrell/Gundrum) to adjourn. Carried (7-0). Meeting adjourned at 6:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted by  
Recording Secretary,

Lynn Meyer  
Deputy Clerk