

**VILLAGE OF HARTLAND
PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2016
7:00 PM
Board Room
210 Cottonwood Avenue, Hartland, WI**

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

Others Present: DPW Director Einweck and Recreation Director Yogerst

Motion to nominate a chairperson for tonight's meeting, in the absence of Chairman Tim Hallquist

Motion (Lawson/Gundrum) to nominate Tina Bromberger as chairperson pro-tem. Carried (5-0).

7:00 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 – July 11, 2016 Meeting and Special Joint Meeting of the Village Board and Park and Recreation Board Meeting on July 11, 2016

Motion (Cottrell/Landwehr) to approve the Park and Recreation Board Minutes for the July 11, 2016 Meeting and the Special Joint Meeting of the Village Board and the Park and Recreation Board of July 11, 2016. Carried (5-0).

Director of Public Works Items

Item tabled from July 11, 2016 meeting

Continued Discussion and Possible Consideration of a request by a citizen, Beverly Prasser, who is asking for benches along Mill Place Pathway, including the name of the volunteer group interested in installing the benches and the information regarding who planted/paid for small trees along the WE Energies easement about 10 years ago

Motion (Cottrell/Landwehr) to remove from the table a request by a citizen, Beverly Prasser, who is asking for benches along Mill Place Pathway. Carried (5-0).

At the last meeting, Rob Toth thought that when ATC came through about ten years ago and cut a number of trees down, the berm was planted afterward with arbor vitae installed by the Village with Village funds. Staff looked into that and that is correct.

We have some correspondence from ATC stating they will be doing more work in that area. They will be cutting down any large trees that will be impacting the wires. Mr. Toth had mentioned that a lot of the arbor vitae had died, but Mike Einweck saw only three that had died. One tree was behind 204 Granary. The berm behind 202 Granary is very heavily planted with a number of other trees. Mr. Einweck thought that the other trees took the light from the arbor vitae and that is why they died.

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Also discussed at the last meeting was that there was some illegal dumping in the area. DPW Director Einweck did go out there and see there was a lot of grass clippings and some concrete that was dumped, probably on the railroad property. Mr. Einweck sent a letter to the residents in the area near the space of the dumped materials letting them know that dumping is illegal and if they have any kind of yard waste, they can take it to the Village yard waste/recycling center. Also, if they have any concrete debris, they should call construction companies.

In looking at the pathway again, if the Board would like to entertain a motion to put in a bench, there is a group from Church of the Resurrection that would like to re-chip the pathway at the Cottonwood Wayside and maybe put in a couple of benches, or they might be able to put in a bench at the Mill Place path. They are meeting tomorrow night and I don't have all the information from them yet from them. But if the Board approves this bench, we could ask them to install it.

Dick Landwehr requested that the bench face the river, not the brush and the railroad track.

Mike Einweck stated that there is very little room between the pathway and the private property lines on the properties that back up to the river. And, there is very little vegetation in those backyards so the homeowners would be looking out at the bench.

The question was asked if a bench could be put between the path and the river? Mike Einweck said that there used to be a bench near the south part of Nixon pond that we repaired three or four times because it would tip in towards the pond. We finally had to remove it. The soils are very similar. The ground doesn't have enough support for the weight of the bench and concrete. There were concrete footings for the Nixon bench, but Mr. Einweck wasn't sure how deep they were.

The proposed bench location was behind 202 and 196 Granary. Mike Einweck talked to Tim Hallquist last week. He thought one bench looking north towards the brush and the railroad tracks would be his preference. It was mentioned that those lots are so heavily vegetated, that there is plenty of buffer from the homes/yards. However, we are not sure which trees have been identified by ATC for removal.

If a volunteer group does not want to install this bench, the DPW does have an extra bench that could be installed this year.

The question was raised if the bench would be in the way of the ATC vehicles who would be coming through to trim the vegetation.

Mike Einweck told ATC that the Village had just rebuilt the path and we do not want any construction vehicles on the path.

It was mentioned that at 202 Granary the tree line is on the back property line.

Motion (Cottrell/Lawson) to approve installation of the bench behind 202 Granary (it has the most vegetation and the biggest berm), the bench should be no larger than six foot long. If the DPW installs an in-stock bench, there would be a concrete base for the metal posts, with aluminum backs and seats. There will be one bench on the south side of the path, facing north. Carried (5-0).

It was suggested that the neighbors should be notified that the bench will be installed and the location of where it will be installed – perhaps a friendly letter along with the Park Board minutes attached.

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Discussion and Possible Consideration of a September Park Board Meeting Date since the Labor Day Holiday Falls on the First Monday of September

Motion to move the September 5, 2016 Park Board Meeting to 6:00 PM on Monday, September 12, 2016. Carried (5-0)

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

Recreation Director Yogerst announced that the new wood floor has been installed in the Community Room. Classes have been using it since July 26 and everyone loves it.

Hartland's National Night Out is this Thursday. Participating businesses will be marked with a red chalk star on the sidewalk.

A high school band is playing from 6:00 – 6:45 PM at the Fine Arts Center. The Ricochets are playing from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. At 9:00 PM we have a fire demo from Lake Country Martial Arts. After that, we will start the movie "Inside Out". The next movie night is Family Night Out on August 18, with a Magic show from 6:30 – 7:15 PM. After the magic show, the movie "The Good Dinosaur" will be shown.

Rec Director Yogerst is looking to hire before and after school care givers for the fall from 6:00 AM – 8:30 AM Monday through Friday and 3:30 PM – 6:00 PM two or three afternoons. She would prefer applicants to be 21 years old or older.

The scorers' booth at Bark River Park that was built out of gray brick will be painted this fall. HAAA would like to paint the base of the building a darker brown to match the shelter and the trim will be yellow. The reason they want to paint the base of the building dark brown is that it would be resistant to graffiti. The trim and the door would be yellow. The Village will give Mr. Ludtke our paint colors and he will try to match them.

Last Thursday, the ECOS Task Force, which is the Environmental Corridor Open Space Task Force, met for the first time. Tim Hallquist and Mike Einweck are members of that task force. The task force is charged with looking at open space throughout the community and making recommendations to the Village Board on how to treat that. The first task given to all the members was to look at the Village parks and come up with some long range plan ideas on how to maintain those park areas. The next meeting will be Thursday, September 1 at 7:00 PM in the Board Room. It's an open public meeting.

Duane Lawson mentioned that he went to a Land O Lakes game at Nixon Park. He talked to some of the players at the game. They told him that the outfield is bad and they wanted to know why they couldn't have some advertising signage on the fence.

Land O Lakes has come to the Park Board in the past and they were told that they could have signs as long as they were displayed only during playing time.

Mike Cottrell said he remembered the Park Board turning Land O Lakes down completely.

Mike Einweck told Mr. Lawson to refer issues like that to Village staff. Mr. Lawson said that is what he did. John McNeil sent Mike Einweck an email this year saying the field was great. The Village maintains it every week. The field has been rolled and weed killer has been applied. We haven't heard about any problems. Curt Gundrum has heard all positive comments about the fields. LCYBS and Hawks have split the costs for 8 tons of

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Turf. That will be installed this fall. Mike Cottrell mentioned a 16 inch rise in elevation when you round third base to go home. He has seen many players break stride because of it. It is by the coach's box outside of the baseline. Mr. Gundrum recommended filling in the area with topsoil and seeding it. First base needs a similar fix as well.

The batting cages are being worked on. The existing poles had to be broken out of the concrete. They were sent to Reardon Ironworks to get an extra piece of pipe welded on to it. Installation should be taking place in September on the first base side of Nixon field. We are still looking at Centennial for a spot for a batting cage there. The initial suggested area was in a drainage way.

Adjourn

Motion (Cottrell/Gundrum) to adjourn. Carried (5-0). Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted
By Recording Secretary

Lynn Meyer
Deputy Clerk