

**ALLOUEZ PARKS, RECREATION, & FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2019
5:30 P.M., ALLOUEZ VILLAGE HALL, 1900 LIBAL STREET, GREEN BAY**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM by Angela Kowalzek-Adrians.

Present: Lee Bouche, Angela Kowalzek-Adrians, Danyelle Pierquet, Rob Atwood, Dena Mooney

Excused: Bob Ferguson

Absent: Dan Fox

Also Present: Chris Clark

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Angela Kowalzek-Adrians was re-elected chairperson at the last meeting. This was her third consecutive year elected to that position. Per village code, committee members may not be elected as chair for more than two consecutive years. A new chairperson needs to be elected.

A. Kowalzek-Adrians moved to elect Dena Mooney as chair. L. Bouche seconded the motion. Motion passed.

MODIFY / ADOPT AGENDA

A. Kowalzek-Adrians moved to adopt the agenda as presented. L. Bouche seconded the motion. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MAY 28, 2019 MINUTES

L. Bouche recommended correcting the minutes from the May 28th, 2019 meeting. In the Discussion of Pickleball Courts in Allouez, Bob Frey's last name was misspelled and should be changed to the correct spelling of "FRY".

A. Kowalzek-Adrians moved to approve the May 28th, 2019 minutes with the recommended correction. D. Pierquet seconded the motion. Motion passed.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None

INFORMATION/REPORTS

- a. C. Clark gave the Committee an update on the status of Emerald Ash Borer in the Village of Allouez. Currently the signs of EAB are widespread throughout the village in ash trees, but is concentrated more on the north and south ends of the community. Staff is currently in the process of removing ash trees in the street right of ways and village properties. Clark also noted that this operation will be a priority for his department over the next several years and may require other projects or operations to be scaled back or put on hold.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: CONSTRUCTION OF PICKLEBALL COURTS IN ALLOUEZ

The Committee discussed possible future construction of pickleball courts in the Village of Allouez. C. Clark presented an estimate that he received from a local contractor to install six courts with fencing at a cost of \$200,000.

The Committee questioned why pickleball courts would be prioritized over other improvements that are in the capital improvement plan. They agreed that it is a good amenity to add to the community, but when and where is still up for discussion. The Committee felt that Eastlawn Park was the preferred location to look at installation of courts.

In the short term, the village has pickleball courts painted on the tennis courts at Langlade Park and Kiwanis Park that are available until a decision is made on dedicated pickleball courts.

R. Atwood made a motion to direct staff to obtain more budget estimates for the construction of courts at Eastlawn Park utilizing previously earmarked court repair funds and bring back to the Committee for consideration. D. Pierquet seconded the motion. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: SPRAYING HERBICIDES FOR BROADLEAF WEEDS ON PARK LAWNS

The Committee discussed a request to spray broadleaf weeds in village park lawn areas. C. Clark explained that the department maintains sport fields with fertilizers and weed control as a best management practice for those types of facilities, but not currently other park areas. Past practice has been not to treat park lawn areas for broadleaf weeds.

In discussion the Committee felt that the use of pesticide in public areas, especially near water bodies, was not beneficial. In addition they talked about how these areas may benefit pollinator insects that have been on the decline recently. The Committee felt that they would like to see Allouez become a pollinator friendly community.

A. Kowalzek-Adrians made a motion to continue with past practices to not spray herbicides on park lawn areas for broadleaf weeds because the pros outweigh the cons and the extra costs associated with this operation. D. Pierquet seconded the motion. Motion passed.

July 23, 2019 (Allouez Parks, Recreation & Forestry Committee Meeting)

DISCUSSION: FY 2020 PARKS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT IDEAS

The Committee discussed possible future capital improvements in parks. Some ideas included pavement reconstruction at Green Isle Park, pickleball courts, Eastlawn building remodel, kayak launch at Kayakers Point, CORP update (2021), East River pedestrian bridge to the Mossakowski Family Dog Park (2022), Green Isle Park playground (2022), and kayak rental stations.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Park Capital Improvements
- Parks maintenance operations

ADJOURNMENT

L. Bouche moved to adjourn at 7:00 PM. R. Atwood seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Minutes taken by Chris Clark.