# ALLOUEZ PARKS, RECREATION, & FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 5:30 P.M., ALLOUEZ VILLAGE HALL

### CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Danyelle Pierquet

Present: Angela Kowalzek-Adrians, Dena Mooney, Danyelle Pierquet, Mike Borowski,

Ryan Hallberg, Rob Atwood

Also Present: Chris Clark

#### MODIFY / ADOPT AGENDA

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

# APPROVAL OF MAY 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 MINUTES

A. Kowalzek-Adrians moved to approve the minutes dated May 24, 2022. D. Mooney seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None

#### INFORMATION/REPORTS

- a. The Village hired Emma Magadanz as the new Recreation Supervisor on July 5<sup>th</sup>. She previously worked at the Fox Cities YMCA and the City of Two Rivers in similar roles.
- b. Dave Duescher, Parks and Facilities Foreman, retired from the Village after 43 years of employment.
- c. The Green Isle Park playground project is progressing with the rubberized surfacing installation this week and the opening following that.
- d. The Miracle League of Green Bay has secured a donation from the Richard J. Resch Foundation for a new gazebo in Optimist Park.

# <u>DISCUSSION: LOCATION OF OUTDOOR EXERCISE EQUIPMENT</u>

The Committee discussed possible locations for placement of the outdoor exercise equipment for an upcoming project.

- Locations included Green Isle Park, Wiese Park, Langlade Park, East Lawn Park, and parks along Fox River Trail.
- The consensus was to place the fitness equipment at Green Isle Park along the trail loop.

 It was also recommended to install the equipment in the spring if it is delivered too late into the fall.

#### DISCUSSION: COMMUNITY GARDENS

The Committee discussed community gardens and the needs within the community.

- Are there areas within our parks that are currently underutilized? Yes
- There are garden plots at Langlade Elementary School for community use that the Village and the Green Bay School District partnered on.
- Have there been requests for additional community gardens? Not currently
- Put this idea on the shelf but keep in mind for future possibilities.
- Assist with current gardens by marketing the availability to residents.

## DISCUSSION: PRELIMINARY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ITEMS FOR THE 2023 BUDGET

The Committee continued discussions on projects to include for recommendation for the 2023 budget.

- Splash pad location and cost were discussed at length; would be a good project for a redevelopment area; likely not in 2023.
- Gazebo at Optimist Park utilizing donations from Miracle League.
- Parking lot improvements bonded projects due to high costs; several potential locations;
  possible "green" infrastructure at some locations
- Additional pickleball courts
- Trail improvements
- Staff would like to narrow down the list by August in preparation for the budget.

### DISCUSSION: PARK MESSAGE BOARD

The Committee held discussion on usage of message boards in parks. They feel that these are a primary communication source for park users and would like to see them utilized more frequently. Work with recreation staff to coordinate this.

### **DISCUSSION: TRAIL MULCH**

The Committee discussed the use of mulch or soil along areas of the East River Trail to help prevent possible flooding issues in low areas of the trail. Staff will reach out to the DNR to see what the feasibility of this solution may be.

#### DISCUSSION: KAYAK LAUNCH

The kayak launch that had been previously placed at Green Isle Park was moved to Eastlawn Park due to the low water levels at the location in Green Isle Park. The location at Eastlawn Park is adjacent to the boat ramp. Information of the re-location will be posted at Green Isle, on the website, and on social media.

### **DISCUSSION: STUMP REMOVALS**

Staff provided information to the Committee on the stump removal operations.

- The removal of approximately 100 stumps along the streets and 50 plus stumps in the parks will begin this week and should be completed within the next two weeks to a month.

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- The contractor will be finishing up this week on stump removals from the 2021 ash tree removal project.
- Stump removals for the 2022 ash tree removal project will be completed by village staff following tree removals by the contractor. Per the contract, they have until October to complete those removals, however they thought they would get started in the next 4-6 weeks.

# **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Tree planting along the Safe Routes to School sidewalk project
- East River water trail

## **ADJOURNMENT**

R. Atwood moved to adjourn at 6:31 PM. D. Mooney seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Minutes taken by Chris Clark.