

**ALLOUEZ PARKS, RECREATION, & FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 30TH, 2022
5:30 P.M., ALLOUEZ VILLAGE HALL**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Chris Clark in the absence of Committee Chair Pierquet

Present: Dena Mooney, Mike Borowski, Ryan Hallberg, Marc Seidl, Rob Atwood

Excused: Angela Kowalzek-Adrians, Danyelle Pierquet

Also Present: Chris Clark

MODIFY / ADOPT AGENDA

M. Borowski moved to adopt the agenda as presented. R. Atwood seconded the motion. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 28TH, 2022 MINUTES

R. Atwood moved to approve the minutes dated June 28, 2022. R. Hallberg seconded the motion. Motion passed.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Welcome Marc Seidl as a new member of the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Committee.
- b. Jon Jerabek was promoted from the Parks Mechanic/Maintenance position to the Parks and Facilities Foreman. Jon has been with the Village for 20 years.
- c. Pooches and Pints Barktoberfest will be held Saturday, September 10th from 11am to 3pm at Green Isle Park.

INFORMATION/REPORTS

- a. C. Clark provided information on fiber optics and security camera systems within village parks. He is currently obtaining additional information and cost estimates for infrastructure and fees.
- b. Stump removals have been completed along the streets and within most of the park areas.
- c. The outdoor fitness equipment for Green Isle Park has been ordered with anticipated delivery around the end of October. Staff will likely install the equipment in spring of 2023 due to the later delivery date.

- d. C. Clark provided an update and information received from the Wisconsin DNR regarding potential solutions for drainage issues along the East River Trail. Staff will continue to investigate options and begin doing some grading work where applicable to get water that pools off of the trail quicker.
- e. Village staff is in the process of compiling a short list of projects that will utilize ARPA funding to present to the Village Board at an upcoming meeting. Potential park projects that we will look to include will be security cameras, site lighting, and Resch Family East River Trail improvements.
- f. C. Clark provided information regarding the East River Water Trail project. The project, which is estimated \$900,000, is being administered the Brown County Land and Water Conservation Department in partnership with Allouez, Bellevue, DePere, Ledgeview, Brown County, The Nature Conservancy, Wello, Izaak Walton League, and the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance. Phase one of the project includes habitat improvements, removal of stream impediments, and stream bank stabilization as well as additional kayak launches from Ledgeview downstream approximately three miles which is estimated at \$500,000. This will be funded through a portion of the ARPA dollars distributed to Brown County. The ultimate goal of this project will include approximately seven miles of the river from Ledgeview to the Fox River in Green Bay.

DISCUSSION: DOTY SCHOOL SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT TREE PLANTING

- C. Clark provided the Committee information on future tree plantings with the Doty School Safe Routes to Schools project.
- \$4000 is budgeted for tree planting as part of the project for the replacement of trees that were removed during the project. Approximately 20 trees were removed along East River Drive and Longview Avenue.

DISCUSSION: COMMUNITY GARDENS

- C. Clark presented information to the Committee regarding a potential land donation to the village for the purposes of utilization as community gardens. It is approximately one acre of land with the vision from the donor for rentable garden plots and a multi-season greenhouse. Discussion was held by the Committee:
- This would require administration and marketing of the program.
 - What are the associated near and long term costs of a greenhouse?
 - Concerns that there may be possible strings attached with donated property.
 - If we would want to proceed with the community gardens, there is current village property that could be utilized.
 - There still doesn't seem to be a large demand for gardens at this time.

DISCUSSION: NO MOW MAY

- C. Clark provided information about the concept of No Mow May. The Community Development and Code Enforcement Department will be taking the lead on this. The plan is to gather information and provide some options to the Village Board for direction within the next few months. Discussion was held by the Committee:
- Neighboring communities participating in No Mow May
 - Education a key component to this concept

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- Purpose of No Mow May
- Lawrence University study

DISCUSSION/ACTION: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ITEMS FOR 2023 BUDGET

C. Clark presented a listing and support information on potential capital improvement projects to recommend to the Village Board to include in the 2023 budget. Those items include:

- Green Isle site lighting (\$12,000)
- Riverview Park park sign (\$7000)
- Site furnishings (\$5000)
- Optimist Park gazebo (\$73,000; donation)
- Kiwanis Park parking lots (\$200,000; bonding)
- PHM Webster Park parking lot addition (\$230,000; bonding)

Discussion was held by the Committee:

- M. Borowski - due to current economic situation he would only recommend safety and maintenance items.
- Kiwanis Park parking lot is in rough shape plus the addition of a new parking lot which would double the parking.
- Webster Park proposed new parking lot would be on the east end of the park.
- C. Clark would recommend the Webster Park parking lot be deferred to a later date if bond funding is unavailable.
- Village's borrowing cycle is every two years in the odd years.

D. Mooney moved to approve capital improvement items for 2023 as recommended by staff.

R. Hallberg seconded the motion. Motion passed. (Borowski voted nay)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Discussion on Allouez Youth Baseball

ADJOURNMENT

R. Atwood moved to adjourn at 6:29 PM. M. Borowski seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Minutes taken by Chris Clark.