

**ALLOUEZ PARKS, RECREATION, & FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH, 2022
5:30 P.M., ALLOUEZ VILLAGE HALL**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM by Chris Clark in the absence of the Committee Chair.

Present: Angela Kowalzek-Adrians, Ryan Hallberg, Marc Seidl, Rob Atwood

Excused: Danyelle Pierquet, Mike Borowski

Not Present: Dena Mooney

Also Present: Chris Clark

MODIFY / ADOPT AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2022 MINUTES

A. Kowalzek-Adrians moved to approve the minutes dated September 27, 2022. R. Atwood seconded the motion. Motion passed.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. C. Clark informed the Committee that Danyelle Pierquet has resigned her position on the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Committee. Clark further thanked Danyelle for her volunteer time on the Committee and all she has done for the community.
- b. C. Clark provided information regarding a partnership grant that the village is working with NEW Water on. The grant is from the US Forest Service for the planting of 100 trees over the next two years. This is a similar grant that the village received for tree planting in 2020/2021.
- c. C. Clark provided information about a partnership grant opportunity that the village is working with the East River Collaborative, the City of Green Bay, the City of DePere, the Village of Bellevue, and the Town of Ledgeview. This grant is from the Wisconsin Coastal Management program and would be used to create a multi-community master plan for flooding solutions that would impact the East River Trail. The Village of Allouez will be the municipal applicant for this grant.

ELECTION OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

With the resignation of the previous chairperson, Danyelle Pierquet, from the Committee, the position is open and will need to be filled until May of 2023.

R. Atwood nominated Marc Seidl as Chairperson. A. Kowalzek-Adrians seconded the motion. Motion passed.

M. Seidl took over the meeting as Chair.

DISCUSSION: ALLOUEZ YOUTH BASEBALL

The Committee held a discussion on the history of the Allouez Little League program and if there is there a need in the community to resurrect the youth baseball program at PHM Webster Park.

- Allouez Little League dissolved in 2018 due to low numbers and lack of volunteers. At that time they reached out to Green Bay East Side Youth Baseball (GBESYB) to partner with to continue to offer baseball for Allouez families.
- The Village has worked with GBESYB since that time to provide youth baseball opportunities to the community. Additionally the Village has partnered with Green Bay Area Baseball to provide a Babe Ruth baseball program.
- The direction of youth sports has changed over the years with many new opportunities for families including travel/club teams. Is there a place for recreation based baseball versus club and travel teams?
- Park usage by youth sports programs can vary depending on the scheduled needs of the program, day of the week, week of the month, and month of the year. Many of the baseball programs are held from March to August on weekday evenings.
- How many participants in the GBESYB program are from Allouez? Clark will investigate this.
- The Committee would like to continue the discussion at a future meeting.

DISCUSSION: MEMORIAL BENCH PROGRAM

C. Clark presented information to the Committee regarding the Memorial Bench program that is offered through the Department for individuals to purchase a bench to place in village parks and trails. Currently the village has close to 70 memorial benches throughout the park system with a little over 30 of those within Green Isle Park. Additionally with increasing material and bench costs, the current price of \$750 will be insufficient going into 2023.

The Village recently received an email from an Allouez resident, which was presented to the Committee, stating that Green Isle Park has too many memorial benches and asked to put a moratorium on them in this area.

Should the village continue to offer this program and if so, how should the locations be controlled?

The Committee held discussion on the item:

- The Department typically receives 5-6 memorial bench requests per year

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- Increase the cost of benches to at least cover increased expenses; \$950
- Identify bench placement locations with a cap at each park
- The Village does offer a Memorial Tree program too
- Are there other creative programs similar to the bench program that the village could offer?
A possibility to investigate may be public art / sculptures.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- None

ADJOURNMENT

A. Kowalzek-Adrians moved to adjourn at 6:11 PM. R. Hallberg seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Minutes taken by Chris Clark.