

VILLAGE OF PORT EDWARDS
Port Edwards, Wisconsin

COMMITTEE: Parks and Recreation Meeting

DATE: July 29, 2021

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Purpose of Meeting: **Public Hearing and Regular Monthly Meeting**

Attendance: B. Mancl, S. Mitchell, T. Grunden, J Zurfluh, R. Bossert, B. Martinson

Citizens: None

Subjects Discussed, Action Taken, and Board Action Required:

Regular Monthly Meeting

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order by B Mancl- Chairman at 4pm.

2. Roll Call: All Present from above

3. Approve the previous month's minutes and Agenda: **MOTION** (Grunden/2nd Mitchell) to approve minutes. Of 24 June 2021, Motion carried.

4. Public comments on agenda items: None

5. Committee Chairman's comments: None

6. Review of Ripple Creek Park (Onsite- walk about)- We discussed the park status and amenities. The Park is well maintained and has a good mixture of amenities. The one area to focus on would be the shelters, playground and baseball field fencing. Public Works provided estimates for fencing repairs which would add to \$19K for all repairs, but provide durability for another 15-20 years. We will continue to discuss during Budget talks this year. Future improvements include the Bench repairs, ice skating entry landing, Pickle ball and tennis court resurfacing and small playground improvements. We also will be replacing the 30+ year old furnace in the warming shelter for this winter season use.

7. Discussion on what Parks to focus on. The consensus from the committee is to invest our ARPA funds in overdue maintenance with small upgrades over time. The Focus parks were Ripple Creek and Edwards Alexander Park for the Village staff to focus on.

The Administrator advised on the ability to co-use the tennis court and create a pickle ball court at Ripple. Its cost prohibitive to start a Pickle ball court from scratch(\$35-\$50K). We could also include a Bags/Cornhole course at either park and that could be established by our public works crew.

8. Community Events: Discussed the publishing of the August calendar to highlight the Village events. Committee members appreciated the effort and look forward to it continuing. Highlighted the Pool Day on 17 August and the Rummage sale on 21 August. The next Village Music fest will be on 25 August.

9. Old Business:

a. Geese Update- The Geese issues at Ripple Creek are not causing issues since they seem not to stay too long to nest, we will continue to monitor. The amount of Geese waste has been greatly reduced and the impacts are a walkable Ripple creek waterfront.

b. County Grants- We discussed the submission of the two County Grants (Dog Park and Kayak Inputs) for the parks. They have been initially approved by the County and will start working thru the committee process with a final decision in November 2021.

10. New Business: A discussion by Trustee's Mitchell and Grunden for the Administrator to research the ability for the Village to purchase YMCA or POOL passes for next season for Village residents. The Administrator will create some criteria and cost for Budget discussions.

11. Future Agenda Items:

12. Next meeting date: 26 August 2021 at 4pm at the Marshall Buehler Center

13. Adjourn: Adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Betsy Mancl – Chairman