

**AUGUST 30, 2023 PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**CITY OF EDGERTON**

Candy Davis called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Present: Candy Davis, Casey Langan, Denise Langan, Bonnie Slagg and Kyle Furseth.

Excused: Jonathon Frey and Samantha Higbee

Others Present: City Administrator Ramona Flanigan, Municipal Services Director Howard Moser, Aquatics Director Anne Gohlke, Assistant Aquatics Director Abby Anderson, Mayor Christopher Lund and a few citizens.

Flanigan confirmed the meeting notice was properly posted on Friday, August 25, 2023. Agendas were posted at Edgerton Post Office, Edgerton Public Library, City Hall and the City's website.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A Bonnie Slagg/Candy Davis motion to approve the June 27, 2023 Parks & Recreation Committee meeting minutes passed, all voted in favor.

**SKATE PARK:** The city has been contacted by a few organizations regarding having the skate park equipment reinstalled. The Committee would need to make a determination if they would like the equipment reinstalled and where it should be. The two logical options would be Racetrack or Central Park. Bonnie Slagg stated she did not feel like Central Park would be a good option due to the number of problems that occurred the last time it was there. Casey Langan would like to see if there is a place in Racetrack Park that would be out of the way and not interfere with other activities. Staff was asked to research locations in Racetrack Park that may work for the equipment.

**BATHROOM IMPROVEMENTS AT RACETRACK PARK:** The toilets in the restrooms at Racetrack Park by the shelter are insufficient for large festivals at the park. Staff sought guidance from a plumber to get options to improve the problem. It was suggested that power flush style toilets may help. Staff received an estimate of \$5,800 to replace the insufficient toilets. Casey Langan would like to get bids for the replacement and put funds in the 2024 budget for the toilets. Casey Langan also suggested upgrading the sink faucets to ensure they are water efficient. Davis stated she walked through both bathrooms and with a few minor exceptions, and other than the toilets, the bathrooms were in good shape.

Staff will ask for bids and provide a number for the 2024 budget.

**ADDITIONAL PARKING AT RACETRACK PARK:** A committee member requested staff to prepare a map and cost estimate to construct an additional gravel parking area at Racetrack Park. The estimated cost of that construction was \$19,060. The proposed area is 9,500 sf and is

located next to the former tractor pull area near the Conservation Club building. The committee felt it should be put on the budgeting list and prioritized at a later date.

**COMMUNICATION SIGNS AT PARKS:** A representative of Smarty Symbols requested to install communication signs at some of our parks. These signs help non-speaking children communicate using pictures in public spaces. Candy Davis approached the Gifts for Kids program to ask if they would be interested in donating funds to help with the cost. They stated that they may be interested depending on their funds. Staff will also research any opportunities for grants if available.

**RELOCATION OF BENCHES AT RACETRACK PARK:** The aluminum benches at Racetrack Park were removed as part of the dance floor renovation. The benches are still in very good condition. Staff is recommending repurposing the benches and reinstalling them at the edge of the athletic field by the Conservation Club parking lot. These benches would replace the bollards that are currently there. They would prevent cars from driving on the grass.

A Denise Langan/Kyle Furseth motion to approve the relocation of the benches to the parking lot near the Conservation Club passed on a 5/0 roll call vote.

**NETTING AT RACETRACK PARK:** Moser reached out to Decan Athletics to get suggestions regarding the netting at Racetrack Park. They suggested installing netting to go over the bleachers behind each field. This would not protect the entire area but it would protect the spectators. The cost would be \$15,000 per field. The other option was to replace the backstop on the Babe Ruth field with a net closer to home plate to prevent foul balls from coming up and over into the crowd.

**DESIGNATING SENIOR PARKING STALLS AT RACETRACK PARK:** Currently there are approximately 5 handicap parking stalls in the park but none for senior parking. The committee felt there should be some parking designated for senior parking to allow easy access to sporting events. These stalls would not be monitored like handicap parking. 2 spots were designated in locations to accommodate all sporting events. Moser suggested installing signage designating these spots.

**2024 BUDGET:** Staff requested direction regarding dollar amounts for the budget and priority of items in the CORP. Candy Davis asked to have quotes for the cement slab at Racetrack Park for the potential skate park location. Casey Langan asked for quotes to be obtained for the landscaping the steep sloped area near the slide at the pool. Casey Langan requested signage be installed on the empty lot on Randolph that has been improved to designate it as a public area. The playground at Racetrack Park needs to be replaced. The committee would like to see quotes on that replacement. Anne Gohlke suggested replacing some of the playground equipment at the pool also. Kyle Furseth asked if there was any plan to have the pavilion at Racetrack Park replaced.

Being no other business before the Committee, a Casey Langan/Denise Langan motion to adjourn passed, all voted in favor.

Ramona Flanigan/wjl  
City Administrator