

MAY 23, 2022 PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF EDGERTON

Candy Davis called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

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

Not Present: Jonathan Frey.

Others Present: City Administrator Ramona Flanigan, Municipal Services Director Howard Moser, and Mayor Christopher Lund.

Flanigan confirmed the meeting notice was properly posted on Friday, May 20, 2022. Agendas were posted at Edgerton Post Office, Edgerton Public Library and City Hall.

ELECT CHAIR: A Haagensen/Denise Langan motion to nominate Candy Davis to chair, passed on a 6/0 roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A Denise Langan/Casey Langan motion to approve the March 9, 2022 Parks & Recreation Committee meeting minutes passed on a 6/0 roll call vote.

CONSIDER SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS NEAR RACETRACK PARK CONCESSION STAND: Municipal Services Director Howard Moser stated that one idea to address with the safety issue caused by the new baseball netting arrangement that would serve as a dual-purpose, is a structure that would go over the bleachers to protect from foul balls and sun.

Aldersperson Haagensen suggested looking at the netting system at Schilberg park in Milton since the diamonds are set up the same.

Mayor Christopher Lund wondered if the current netting could be angled at the top like an awning. Municipal Services Director Howard Moser stated that he could look into extending and angling the current back stops.

Aldersperson Candy Davis suggested signage be placed at the park to watch for foul balls. Citizen Randy Stephani thought that was a good idea since this is the first season without netting and people may not be aware that the netting is gone.

Municipal Services Director will look into the different options discussed and report back to the committee.

CONSIDER DOG POLICIES AT RACETRACK PARK: Aldersperson Haagensen stated that there are always dogs at the park. Municipal Services Director Howard Moser stated that there is signage up at the entrances of the park. Aldersperson Slagg stated that it is an enforcement issue.

CONSIDER NEW BATTING CAGE AT RACETRACK PARK: Citizen Randy Stephani who is a board member of youth baseball, stated that with the increase in participation there is an issue not only with diamond availability but also batting cage availability. Youth baseball is proposing to extend on the current footprint of batting cages to add another double batting cage. This would be similar to what softball has. If they were to construct a new batting cage they propose two locations; the first location would be next to the first base line of the Gregory field. The second option would be near the current baseball batting cage and storage shed. Stephani stated that the youth baseball organization is prepared to fund the estimated cost of \$25,000 if the batting cage is approved.

Citizen Kevin Slagg stated that the city should be looking at different locations and not be putting more into Racetrack Park.

Aldersperson Candy Davis suggested moving on the Comprehensive plan and seeing the big picture before making a decision.

Stephani proposed that youth baseball could retro-fit netting to expand the current batting cage in the interim.

CONSIDER UPDATING 2008-2013 THE COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN: The city will request proposals from the City's current vendors.

CONSIDER PROPOSAL TO CREATE A CONCEPT PLAN FOR NEW PARK NORTH OF LADD LANE: Administrator Ramona Flanigan stated that this will be a large enough park to need a concept plan developed. The concept plan for the new park will be part of the comprehensive plan.

CONSIDER PARKING AT RACETRACK PARK: Aldersperson Casey Langan stated that not only is there an issue with parking there is also a traffic flow issue.

Aldersperson Candy Davis stated that the tractor pull track is no longer going to be utilized and questioned what it would take to make it a parking area.

Aldersperson Casey Langan asked Bonnie Slagg how the conservation club felt about more parking. Slagg stated that the conservation club would like more parking.

AQUATIC DIRECTORS REPORT: Municipal Services Director stated that the fascia work at the pool is going to be done.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Municipal Services Director Howard Moser stated that the Randolph St lot is ready for the High School students to plant pollinators.

Being no other business before the Committee, a Haagensen/Casey Langan motion to adjourn passed on a 6/0 roll call vote.

Ramona Flanigan/City Administrator