

MAY 16, 2023 PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF EDGERTON

Candy Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00 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, Mayor Chris Lund and citizens.

ELECT CHAIR: A Casey Langan/Denise Langan motion to nominate Candy Davis to chair, passed on a 5/0 roll call vote.

Flanigan confirmed the meeting notice was properly posted on Friday, May 12, 2023. Agendas were posted at Edgerton Post Office, Edgerton Public Library, City Hall and the City's website.

A request was made to reorder the agenda and move up the CORP discussion.

CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CORP AND PRIORITIZE PROJECTS: The committee discussed and agreed to schedule a parks tour at which time they would consider CORP recommendations and prioritize projects.

Dave Davis, a representative of disk golf, expressed interest in redesigning/expanding the disk golf course at Racetrack Park, as the current course has several hazards. Davis also mentioned that other disk golf courses charge a fee to play and that could be an option for the Racetrack Park course.

Two representatives from Edgerton Youth Baseball, Randy Stephani and Shannon Phillips, presented a two-field expansion proposal to the Committee. Due to increased participation in youth baseball the lack of field space has caused limitations to the program. The Committee heard the project scope, deliverables, and implementation plan of the project. It was agreed the information would be taken into account during future parks discussions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A Denise Langan/Bonnie Slagg motion to approve the March 7, 2023 Parks & Recreation Committee meeting minutes passed, all voted in favor.

CONSIDER IMPROVEMENTS TO GREGORY FIELD AND ST JOHN'S FIELD: In order to maximize existing facilities, the baseball leagues presented proposed improvements to Gregory Field and Saint John's Field. Alterations include moving the bases on Gregory Field to achieve regulation Little League base dimension and putting field lime in the base paths at Saint John's field. Edgerton Youth Baseball volunteered to complete the work and the City will provide the lime from both fields.

A Denise Langan/Kyle Furseth motion to accept improvements to Gregory Field and Saint John's Field according to league request passed on a 5/0 roll call vote.

CONSIDER FENCE QUOTES FOR PICKLEBALL COURTS: Per request, staff provided three quotes to install black chain link or black ornamental fence around the existing pickleball courts at Central Park. Due to the high cost of installing a fence, the Committee would first like to explore the idea of working with the school district to use the tennis courts as additional pickleball courts when they are available.

Municipal Services Director Howard Moser confirmed that the three new pickleball nets are ready to be installed at Central Park, regardless of the fence decision. The Committee decided to continue the pickleball discussion after speaking with the school district about the tennis courts.

CONSIDER PARKING EXPANSION AT RACETRACK PARK: Staff presented four parking improvement options for Racetrack Park: Option 1- pave the existing gravel parking area around the road (north of the road); Option 2- construct a gravel parking lot south of the Conservation Club; Option 3- construct a parking lot over the tractor pull track; and Option 4- parking at the "old" entrance. After discussing the options, the Committee agreed to review possibilities during the scheduled parks tour. Staff will obtain maps and quotes for the next meeting.

CONSIDER SENIOR PARKING AT RACETRACK PARK: The Committee discussed designating one or two parking stalls at Racetrack Park for senior parking. These spaces would be different and in addition to the handicap parking stalls that are already in the park. The potential location(s) and further discussion on senior parking will take place during the parks tour.

CONSIDER BUS PARKING POLICY IN RACETRACK PARK: There have been occasions when buses delivering teams to the fields in Racetrack Park have parked in multiple stalls, further limiting available parking space. At this time, there is not a policy in place regarding bus parking and staff recommends bus parking affiliated with athletic events be prohibited in Racetrack Park.

A Denise Langan/Casey Langan motion to develop a policy to prohibit parking/no entry for buses during athletic events passed on a 5/0 roll call vote.

CONSIDER NETTING AT BASEBALL FIELDS AT RACETRACK PARK: Due to the frequency of foul balls over the backstops and existing netting at Racetrack Park, the Committee discussed overhead nets or canopies as a potential solution to the expressed safety hazard. Staff will research options and provide pricing at the next meeting.

SET DATE FOR PARKS TOUR: The Committee agreed that mid-June would work best for the parks tour and the specific date will be chosen based on member availability.

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

Ramona Flanigan/mjd
City Administrator