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Parks Committee Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2014 – 5:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Minutes Approval

Chairperson Julia Miller called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm and roll call was taken.

Village President/Trustee	Roll Call	1	2	3
Julia Miller – Chair	Present	Y	Y	
Jeff DeGroot – President	Present	Y	Y	
John Ford	Present	Y	Y	
Marty Clinch	Present	Y	Y	
Jim O’Laughlin	Present	Y	Y	

a. October 24, 2013 Minutes

A motion was made by Jeff DeGroot to approve the October 24, 2013 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Marty Clinch. **Motion passed #1.**

2. Discussion of Park Improvements at JR White Park

Julia Miller reported she had met with Rich Brecklin and Ann Sasso this past week where she had shared a wish list and plan for J.R. White Park. Julia discussed the proposed plan of extending the parking lot, possibly eliminating the ball diamond, adding a soccer field and moving some of the play equipment that is up front towards the back for another play area. Julia was going to check with GHAA to see what their needs are with the ball diamond at the park and also we will need to see a proposed drawing of what MTCO Park is going to have in their recreational complex. The committee discussed and agreed before more decisions and a priority list are made about the park we need to know GHAA and MTCO Park’s plans.

Rich Brecklin had recommended putting down gravel to build the base of a new parking lot addition. Julia discussed the future possibilities of utilizing the rest of the park with a small pavilion, play area, picnic benches and water splash feature towards the back of the park.

Julia Miller stated the safety boundary around the play equipment at J.R. White Park along with the fill is the priority this year. While we are tearing out the fill we thought it would be a good time to move some equipment since it is too crowded up front. Julia noted if there isn’t another place to put it for the time being we would need to store it.

Julia noted the boundary and fill is priority #1 with the walkpath around the park being priority #2.

3. Discussion concerning Bike/Walk Path at JR White Park

Rich Brecklin is getting an updated estimate on the walkway around the park. There are already some funds available for this improvement. Marty Clinch will check to see if there are any apprenticeships available to do the walkway work. Once Rich Brecklin gets the updated prices we will see where we are at.

4. Discussion of Park Improvements at Oak Grove Park

Julia Miller reported Rich Brecklin should be able to move the gazebo from J.R. White Park to the Oak Grove Park. Rich indicated when they rent the fork lift to change out the media at the sewer plant they should be able to use it to move the gazebo too. This will also eliminate the need to put up a pavilion at Oak Grove Park. Rich stated the village would be able to extend the parking lot at Oak Grove Park ourselves.

5. New Village Welcome Signs

Ann Sasso received a proposed new village welcome sign drawing. The cost doesn't include the posts and installation. Ann will check on the permit from IDOT and the warranty and maintenance of the sign. John Ford asked if there was a way to match the stone look of the village signs at the Community Center and Village Hall to a welcome sign. The Clerk will check on the possibility. The committee agreed to send the proposed design to a couple of other companies to see what type of ideas they can come up with. The Clerk noted we were going to make sure and incorporate the stone design into the landscape around the sign.

6. Budget FY 14-15

John Ford has asked everyone to get together proposed budget numbers for the next fiscal year.

The Clerk wanted to remind the board that with the Safe Routes to School project that once we submit the application the village will be committing to finishing the sidewalk project from Windsor Drive to Wildflower Avenue. Jim O'Laughlin noted at the Planning Commission meeting Ken Beschorner had recommended seeing if the sidewalk could stop even with Seth Court for a sidewalk off of the culdesac since this could end up being a cut through access. The Clerk noted for the grant applications you need to have a good stopping point and you have to own the right of way or have easements in place.

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Jeff DeGroot to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m. The motion was seconded by John Ford. **Motion passed #2.**

Ann Sasso
Village Clerk