

## Village Board Meeting

### Public Hearing

#### Recreational Trails Program Grant-Oak Grove Park Phase 2-Trail & Park Improvements

March 21, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

### Agenda

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance-** Jeff DeGroot, Village President called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m.

Village President/Trustees	Roll Call	1	2	3
Jeff DeGroot – President	Present	Y		
Stephanie Chaon	Present	Y		
Heather Armistead	Absent	-		
Nathan Henricks	Absent	-		
Tom Eckstein	Present	Y		
Karl Figg	Present	Y		
Todd Rice	Present	Y		

Also, in attendance:

Bill Streeeter, Village Attorney

Chuck Urban, Village Attorney

Scott DeSplinter, Village Engineer

Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Hearing- Recreational Trail Project Description-Tract 2, Part of the E1/2 of Sec. 29, T27N, R3W, Woodford County, IL (26.11 acres) Commonly known as 205 Fandel Road, Germantown Hills, IL**  
Jeff DeGroot read the description of the property location for the recreational trail project.
4. **Proposed Project-To Develop a Recreational Trails Program Area to construct an 8' recreational trail on the property, along with a restroom, small dog park, and a flashing crosswalk signal along Fandel Road.**  
Ann Doubet explained the proposed project which will include an 8' recreational trail, restroom, small dog park, and a crosswalk push button signal along Fandel Road.
5. **Public Comments/Questions**  
Jeff DeGroot opened the public hearing for public comments.

Kitty Cullett asked if there were any easements needed and if the trail would encroach on any property.

Ann Doubet noted there are no easements needed and the project won't encroach as the trail is located more in the middle of the 26-acre property.

Scott DeSplinter explained on the map that this recreational trail would connect to the first phase of the trail to complete the loop on the property.

A question was raised as to how far this was from another property.

Scott stated he didn't have the exact measurement but most likely it was 400+ feet.

The project includes a trail, restroom, and small dog park.

Kitty Cullett asked about a connection to White Oak Lake Subdivision.

Karl Figg noted there are some wooded areas in two sections and some low areas of water areas to the west, so there wouldn't be a connection right now.

The concept map shows a potential connection in the future, but the location could change.

The first phase of the recreational trail includes a parking lot area. The second phase will be the recreational trail, restroom, small dog park, and crosswalk signal at Fandel Road. The future phases would include two pavilions, extended dog park, splash pad, pickle ball courts, playground area, benches, and picnic tables.

Kitty Cullett asked if there was going to be a right in/right out of the property.

Jeff DeGroot stated the first phase of the trail with the parking lot will have access from the parking lot onto Fandel Road.

A question was asked about who's responsible for maintaining the park.

The village staff will be responsible for the park maintenance as they are responsible for the other parks in Germantown Hills.

Kitty Cullett asked what is to the north side of the property.

Ann noted the property owner has over 11 acres of property to the north of the park.

Kitty asked if there would be a sidewalk on the west side of Fandel Road.

Jeff noted no, there's a sidewalk on the east side of Fandel Road.

A question was asked about where the crosswalk signal would go.

Scott DeSplinter noted on the map the proposed location is where the parking lot will be located off Fandel Road.

Jeff DeGroot stated the village board is developing the park in phases.

Ann Doubet stated the property has grasses and trees, but the village will potentially be adding wildflowers and native grasses.

Todd Rice noted the village is trying to develop the park with grants and hasn't raised taxes in 9 years.

A question was asked if taxes were going to be raised.

Todd stated there are no plans to do so.

Scott DeSplinter noted there are some future wet areas on the property, but they are not in the development area.

A question was asked about parking spaces and lights.

Scott noted there is a parking lot in the first phase and there will be another one in another phase of the development of the park. The restroom will have some lighting and there will be more lighting in future phases. The electrical service will be put in so it will be available for future improvements.

A resident questioned wouldn't the park be open dawn to dusk like the other parks.

Ann stated, yes, the other village parks are open dawn to dusk.

Scott DeSplinter stated the timeline would be for the first phase of the trail and parking lot to be done this year. The second phase would be dependent on grant funding.

Suzy Hoffman asked if there is going to be a pavilion as she had hoped there could be one for music events.

Ann Doubet stated there are two pavilions proposed in future phases, with one being smaller.

6. **Adjournment**-A motion was made by Todd Rice to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. The motion was seconded by Karl Figg. **Motion passed #1.**

Ann Doubet  
Village Clerk