

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2022
7:00 PM
BOARD ROOM, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 210 COTTONWOOD AVENUE

Present: Tim Hallquist, Randy Ferrell, Rick Conner, Shaunta' de Boer, Nick Miller and Craig Eisenhut.
Others: Dave Felkner, Tom Jenson, and Leo Jungbluth
Excused: Kelli Yogerst

7:02 PM Call to Order

Public comments for those items not included on this agenda: (Please be advised the Park and Recreation Board will receive information from the public for a three-minute time period per person with time extensions per the Park and Recreation Chairperson's discretion. Be it further advised that there may be limited discussion on the information received, however, no action will be taken under public comments.)

Felkner commented that Yogerst has resigned as Recreation director and that position will be posted later this week or early next week.

1. Discussion and possible consideration to approve the August 1, 2022, Park, and Recreation meeting minutes.

Motion (Conner/Eisenhut) to approve the Park and Recreation minutes of August 1, 2022. Carried (6-0).

2. Consideration for resignation of Curt Gundrum-

Curt Gundrum has moved out of the Village of Hartland and submitted his resignation.

Motion (Farrell/ Conner) to accept Curt Gundrum's resignation from Park Board due to moving out of the Village. Carried (6-0).

Public Works Items-

3. Discussion and possible consideration of plaque to be placed on the warming shed in memory of Mike Meyers-

Felkner said he had a local company design a plaque which is in the packet. He said he spoke to his son, and he stated his dad always went by Michael C. Meyers. It will be located on the north side of the warming shed by the door. There will be a dedication planned either during the Beer Garden or Ice Rink.

Motion (Hallquist/Eisenhut) to approve a plaque on the warming shed in memory of Michael C. Meyers. Carried (6-0).

4. Discussion and possible consideration to allow Kiwanis to paint on Nixon Paths.

Felkner said this came before the Park Board last month but there were some discussion points the Board needed to follow up on. He said Kiwanis would like to paint on the path at Nixon Park, similar to what they did at Castle Park. He said there will be no signs in the grass like at and the 2 designs in the packet are being duplicated from what they painted up at Castle Park. The question was if Kiwanis would cover the cost of the sealer which makes it stand out better would cost about \$800, but Kiwanis has no interest in spending that amount for the sealer. He said the Board has 2 options, 1 would be to put it on the path with no sealer, the other option is to buy the sealer through the parks and there is \$2000 left in the grounds budget for parks and could pay the \$800 with that and make it stand out but that is your decision. Hallquist asked when the path is scheduled to be sealed again. Felkner said they don't seal paths and he said the paths around the pond they will talk about later during the budget process, but they took a beating when they put the bollards in, and they didn't realize how thin they were. He said this portion of the path was the newer portion and they didn't plan on that. There was brief discussion on the signs that were up at Castle Park path paintings and Felkner said there are no plans to put up signs at Nixon like they have up at Castle Park. The question was asked if that money was earmarked for anything else and Felkner said not at this time. The plan is to paint it sometime in September.

Motion (Miller/de Boer) to approve Kiwanis painting the path and paying \$800 to seal the path. Carried (5-0). Hallquist abstained.

5. Discussion and possible consideration of proposals for the 2023 Park Budget.

Felkner said the money is coming out of the CIP which was

a. Nixon Park playground equipment-

Felkner said the money is coming out of the CIP, so this money is already borrowed, and this went thru the budget process last year. He said they budgeted and borrowed \$130,000.00 and the Park Board needs to pick one of the 3 options in the handout. He said the pricing is on the back of the sheet he handed out. DPW staff recommends option #2- which comes under budget at 109,182.00. He said the only reason they didn't go with option 1 was because they took away the ADA ramp. He said they put it out for proposal with another company, but it came back real high. Felkner said they went with option 2 because it had more climbers and it will go where the existing one is. Jungbluth said the existing one is over 20 years old. Miller said his concern was that option 2 only has 1 slide where option 3 had several slides. Felkner said there is a metal slide at the park, and the little kids slide by the painting area. He said he didn't like option 3 because of the holes in the slide. Discussion on option 2 and 3 and slides. Felkner said option 2 is more ADA accessible. Option 3 was suggested with a solid barrel at top.

Motion (Farrell /Eisenhut) recommendation to the Village Board for option #3 with a solid barrel with the potential of an additional climber and a couple additional ground items. (6-0).

b. Nixon Park picnic tables-

Felkner said \$4500 was put in the budget and these are the ones that are used up by the splash pad and they worked out well. Felkner said last year they had wood picnic tables with varnish and the kids got wet, sat on the tables and the varnish came off on the kids. He said they bought

coated ones and did not finish the park off. He said what they want to do is finish off the park, so all the shelters have the same tables. Jungbluth said the tables were made by Uline. Felkner said the tables are \$1100 apiece and they need 4.

Motion (Conner /Hallquist) approve the purchase of the picnic tables for Nixon Park. (6-0).

c. Penbrook Park baseball diamond-

Felkner said this was on the budget last year but the tennis and pickleball courts were a priority so the \$20,000 was kicked back to this year. It is in the CIP and borrowed for \$23,000. LCYBS reached out to DPW to build another hardball diamond with 90 ft bases and a pitching mound so they could host more games up there. He said they have a budget for the existing and would have to extend the fence. He said they budgeted for \$20,000 and it came in at \$18,500.00 for the option 1. He said option 2 came in at \$43,375. He said to add the 90ft bases it bumped it up to \$43,375, so he reached out to LC YBS and said they wanted this and if they wanted to pay the above and beyond. He said they said they have no interest in paying that, it will stay at status quo.

Motion (Eisenhut /Conner) to approve to pay \$18,500 budgeted for Penbrook Park baseball diamond. (6-0).

d. John Deere Tractor replacement-

Felkner said it is a 2012 John Deere tractor they use for the paths, put a snowblower on it, dethatching, aerate the baseball diamonds, and load bucket for wood chips. He said the replacement is a large sticker price of \$70,000. He said the current one will be 11 years old. He said it will be in corp reserve for 2023, he said how that works is we purchase them and depreciate them every year and then after 10 years they can't be written off anymore. Jungbluth said they have already replaced the blower and broom on the current one. Brief discussion on the current tractor.

The question was asked if they can get another year out of it.

Motion (Farrell /Conner) to recommend approval to the Village Board for the John Deere tractor. (6-0).

6. Discussion and consideration of the Hartbrook Pedestrian Bridge.

Felkner said every 2 years all the vehicles and pedestrian bridges are inspected by an engineering company. They deemed this one dangerous and told us to shut it down. He said the underside is rotten. He said there is nothing acceptable to that bridge and they had a 2nd engineering company come in and both firms said the entire thing has to be replaced. He said the problem with that is we have to make it ADA and expand the abutments and make it a longer bridge. The cost they are looking at is \$171,000. Felkner said he was told by the Village Manager that the \$171,000 will come out of the 401 Capitol Project Fund, it is a cash reserve for emergencies. The question was asked what the demand for this bridge is and Felkner said they are getting a lot of calls from people that use it from River Meadow, that live on North Ave, it is used as an access to Arrowhead, and it marked as part of the IAT. He said they reached out to IAT and asked if they had funding, they said they would get back to the Village and that was a month ago. He said right

now, they are applying for DNR permitting because it goes thru a waterway and the manufacturer said it won't be available until next spring. Question was asked lifespan on new bridge coming in, and Felkner said 25 years. Felkner said it has to be ordered by November to get it by May.

Motion (Farrell /de Boer) to recommend approval to the Village Board for a new Hartbrook pedestrian bridge. (6-0).

7. Discussion and consideration of parking lot paving options. (CIP)

Felkner said information on the parking options were included in the packet, and the money is in the CIP. He said they changed it up a little bit for future development and it will be \$375,000. He said the Village Board and Park Board have said there is not enough parking at Nixon. He said removing the tennis courts will provide 35 spots and looking to put an additional 12 spots on east side of driveway entrance. He said the t-ball will be moved to east side of the driveway. He said it will go from 68 spots to 117 spots with a price tag to \$492,000. He went on to say that the thought process on eliminating the tennis courts. He said pickleball courts are a big right now. He said he called Arrowhead, and their tennis courts are available to the public every day. There was brief discussion on the parking design and Felkner said it was designed so no headlights go into the neighboring houses. He said the greenspace would be for a new fine arts center later in the future. Hallquist said he loved the additional pavilion, but he didn't like getting rid of the tennis courts. He said once you get rid of something, you will never get it back. The question was asked why not convert the tennis courts to pickleball, and Miller commented he thinks it is a waste to tear down the tennis courts, just take. (Overlapping discussion).

Farrell commented on the amount of money being put into this if the FAC will be moved in 30 years. Felkner said the options are do the design that is in the packet for \$375,000 or do all the parking for \$492,000. Farrell commented if the tennis courts are removed, and parking changed is the Village going to actively possibly doing a partnership with the high school regarding, so a certain group of people are not alienated. Felkner said the thought on the future bathroom would be a shelter with a kitchen attached. He said they are thinking of keeping the old bathroom for storage. More discussion on tennis courts & pickleball courts. Felkner commented that the impact fees have to be used or we lose them and have to start paying back to the developers. It was stated the impact fees are for things the Village doesn't have that are paid by the developers. Discussion on possible angled parking. Felkner said if the board decides to go with this option, then don't do the pickleball courts because there is marking on the tennis courts for pickleball. Brief discussion on pickleball court at Penbrook which has already been approved.

Felkner reminded everyone the two options on the table. 1st option is do the existing parking lot and roadways which would add 15 new spots for \$375,000, that's what is in the CIP. Option two is rip out the tennis courts and put some parking along the east side of the entrance for an extra \$120,000 on top of that. (Overlapping discussion).

Motion (Eisenhut /Miller) to recommend approval to the Village Board for parking lot option 1, to keep the parking lot as is for 375,000. (6-0).

8. Discussion and consideration of Pickleball courts at Nixon Park (impact funds).

It was decided to table this item at this time.

Motion (Conner/Miller) to table the pickleball courts at Nixon Park. (6-0).

9. Update on the walking path and pickleball court at Penbrook Park.

Junglbutth gave a brief update on the pickleball courts at Penbrook. He said it was supposed to be done a month ago. Junglbutth said they are done chipping the path and an Eagle Scout is looking at putting in benches and picnic tables.

Recreation Director-

10. Discussion and possible consideration of 2023 Park and Recreation Budget-

Felkner gave update for Yogerst and said the Park and Recreation budget has an increase of 5.5 percent for hiring instructors. He said majority of the increase is salaries. He said in the budget also is cleaning the splash pad. He said the revenues are up \$33,000. He said t-ball enrollment was huge. He said there has been some talk of Recreation taking over all of baseball in the future like it used to be.

Motion (Conner/Hallquist) to recommend approval of the 2023 Park and Recreation 2023 Budget. (6-0).

11. Discussion and possible consideration of Ice Skate Rentals for Nixon Ice Rink-

Felkner said the subject of skate rental has come up and Yogerst got a quote for rental and another for purchase. Miller asked if this would come out of Impact fees, Felkner said he would have to check. There was brief discussion on having to heat the building, staffing and storage. (Overlapping conversation). Brief discussion on a donation drive for a box to have skates.

Motion (Eisenhut/de Boer) to approve of Ice Skate Rental for Nixon Ice Rink. Denied. (0-6).
Motion failed.

12. Announcements: It is not completed that these matters will be discussed or acted upon and may include items for future consideration. The following individuals may provide announcements: Park and Recreation Board members or other Village Staff members.

Ice Rink liner came.

Splash Pad will be closing at the end of September.

Still trying to get Carnival here for next year, need to find a major sponsor.

Bed Races suggestion for parade next year.

13. Adjourn-

Motion (Farrell/Hallquist) to adjourn. Carried (6-0).

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted By Recording Secretary,
Deidre Bushey - Deputy Clerk