

**PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2022**  
**7:00 PM**  
**BOARD ROOM, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 210 COTTONWOOD AVENUE**

Present: Tim Hallquist, Shaunta' de Boer, Rick Conner, Craig Eisenhut, Kathy Van Thiel and Nick Miller.  
Excused: Randy Ferrell  
Others: Jim and Lynn Muenzenberger, Dave Felkner, Sara Rennekamp, Tom Jenson and Leo Jungbluth.

**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.)  
No public comments.

**1. Discussion and possible consideration to approve the November 7, 2022, Park, and Recreation meeting minutes.**

Motion (Conner/de Boer) to approve the Park and Recreation minutes of November 7, 2022. Carried (6-0).

**2. Discussion and possible consideration for a Special Event for Winter Play Date at Nixon Park, Jan. 21, 2023, Kiwanis.**

Jim Muenzenberger said the Kiwanis is giving back to the community and this is a free event. He said it will follow the same plan as last year. He said they would like to use the pad outside the warming shed and the use of the park around the rink and by the Fine Arts Center to set up the games. Hallquist said the warming shed has power so they can use that as well. Mr. Muenzenberger said they are requesting that the fees be waived since there is no money being generated by this event.

Motion (Eisenhut/ de Boer) to move this Special Event forward with the waiving of the fees. Carried (6-0).

**3. Discussion and possible consideration for a Special Event for Hartland's Bark River Bash on May 6, 2023, Kiwanis.**

Jim Muenzenberger said this will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> year for this event and it will be the same format. The Kayak run will run from Centennial down to Nixon Park to kick things off, the rubber duck derby will have a raffle associated with that, hammerschlagen, vendor booths, and the beer garden will be open if the park board gives permission for them to open early. He said there will be a band and will be

checking with the IATC to see if they want to have a hike. He said the raffle winners are announced from the FAC.

Motion (Conner/Hallquist) to approve the Bark River Bash on May 6, 2023. Carried (6-0).

**4. Discussion and possible consideration of Thursday Night Concert Series.**

Recreation Director Rennekamp said they have secured a Donor/Sponsor which is Bank Five Nine. She said they are anticipating that it will take \$6000 to secure the bands with \$2000 for signs around the park to promote the event and Bank Five Nine is donating the full \$8000. She said in the packet are the locations. She said there are 7 different banners promoting the bands with Bank Five Nine logo. Hallquist asked if they asked for 7, Rennekamp said they proposed 6 to Bank Five Nine and they suggested the additional one to balance it out on the Fine Arts Center.

Hallquist asked how the 2 banners by the beer garden would be affixed, and he said they would be staked.

Miller asked if the \$2000 is strictly for the banners and Rennekamp said yes. She commented that the Village has the right to take them down for Hometown Celebration.

Miller asked about the Park banner fee and if the banner fee will be waived. He said he can't imagine we would waive those fees just because it is a Village thing when everyone else has to pay those fees. Hallquist commented that they are paying \$8000. Felkner said we do waive those fees for our own events. He said for Rennekamp runs the t-ball and we don't charge our own organization. He said we charge for organizations coming in, but for our own functions we don't charge. Miller said he was just bringing it up since others pay the fees. Felkner said we wanted to make sure the bands and signs are covered. Felkner pointed out that the Village does not profit off it. Brief discussion on what was the cost last year for bands.

Motion (Miller/Hallquist) to approve the Bark River Bash on May 6, 2023. Carried (6-0).

**5. Discussion on Winter Recreation guide.**

Recreation Director Rennekamp gave an update on the Winter Recreation guide. She said they got the Winter program guide last Friday so it was nice to have on the table during the tree lighting. Also, the major changes are that Tonia reformatted it to make a little more sense and they are using QR codes more which will make registering for a class easier. She said there are no more trips in this guide because the partnership with Menomonee Falls ended, so they will need to reach out to Oconomowoc or Pewaukee or possibly planning our own. Hallquist liked the idea of handing out cards the night of the tree lighting.

**Public Works Items-**

**6. Discussion and possible consideration of changing ordinance regarding Nixon Park Hours-**

Felkner said there have been complaints on why the police are not monitoring Nixon Park now that there are lights on the paths, people are walking through the parks at all hours. He said the only problem with that is it never monitored the paths; it mainly monitored the parking lot. He said all our paths are part of the Ice Age Trail system and no hours were ever set on any of the Ice Age Trail

Paths. Felkner said since we are looking at changing the hours, we should look at the whole ordinance to see if we should change anything else. He said he reached out to the Police Chief and he was fine with regular scheduled hours.

He said currently in the ordinance it says the Parks closing hours for Special Events, and Ice Rink. He said the fourth one the Police Chief wants to put in is use of the lighted trail or paths. Felkner said after talking to staff it should be all lit paths or paved paths. He said they didn't want to put wood chipped paths in the ordinance because they don't want kids hanging out on the wood pathed path at night. He said that one will be a discussion point, that is the one we need to figure how we want to do it with the path system. He said if the board doesn't want to change anything they don't have to. Brief discussion on the paths.

**\*\*overlapping discussion\*\***

Felkner said once we get the verbiage, he will run it by the Attorney to make sure it is ok, and anytime we do an ordinance change it has to have 3 readings at the Village Board.

Discussion on the verbiage and it was decided to say all trail paths.

**\*\*overlapping discussion\*\***

Discussion on whether the hours should be changed. Felkner said there are a couple minor things need to be added. Discussion on Ordinance # 70-5 on alcohol. Felkner said the one thing that is missing is the Lake Country Beer Garden. He said there is also nothing in there about signage and he is thinking about baseball organizations. He said last year the Merton Mavericks put their signs up for tryouts and the Delafield titan's signs were up at Nixon Park.

He said he thinks 70-6 should state that there is a sign policy in the ordinance.

70-3 – add a number 4 to it, “for use of all trail paths”.

70-4 - change supervisor with director.

70-5 – add Lake Country Beer Garden to Nixon Park.

70-6 - add there is a sign policy and add a link to it.

Motion (Conner/Eisenhut) to approve changes in ordinance as stipulated by Felkner. Carried (6-0).

#### **7. Discussion and consideration of increasing field prep fees.**

Jungluth said they have been talking about raising the field use and prep fees. He said everyone has reviewed it and they are looking at raising the field fees as:

- Joliet, Hartbrook little, and Nixon little from \$25 to \$30
- Nixon and Centennial from \$35 to \$40
- Hartbrook Big and Penbrook raising it from \$25 to \$35
- Pickleball and Tennis from \$11 to \$15
- Large field preps from \$50 to \$60
- Small field preps from \$15 to \$20
- Football field prep from \$60 to \$80

There was discussion on the fees paid by the user groups, and it was agreed upon that the fees are being raised to cover the costs, not make money.

Motion (Hallquist/Conner) to raise the field reservation fees, tennis/pickleball fees and prep fees as stated. Carried (6-0).

**8. Discussion about hunting in the parks to control deer population.**

Eisenhut said he spoke to Chief Misko and the Chief is neutral regarding the issue. He said the DNR would give out tags for it. Eisenhut suggested on the properties that you can hunt on, that a bow be used. He said a few select people could be used to try to eliminate the herd.

Felkner commented that the Library Director driving home on Maple Ave went over the railroad track and said a deer walked right into her car and fell over. Felkner said it was gut shot and died on Maple Ave. Felkner asked him if he reached out to Delafield to see what they do. Eisenhut said Delafield does have a program where you pay a fee and sign up. Van Thiel asked where he was thinking of doing this and Eisenhut explained. He said he feels it is pretty simple, put up a stand, the meat could be donated, work with the DNR and he thinks this is a good idea.

It was decided to get more information on the DNR, what other municipalities do, paperwork etc.

**Other items for consideration-**

- 9. 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.**

Playground equipment for Nixon is ordered.

Centennial playground could be delivered in Feb. and installed in May.

Ice Rink will be going up soon.

Update on Ice Rink Sponsors.

**10. Adjourn-**

Motion (Eisenhut/de Boer) to adjourn. Carried (6-0).

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted By Recording Secretary,  
Deidre Bushey - Deputy Clerk