

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ELBURN PARKS COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 20, 2019

Members Present: Dave Dickinson, Dawn Kuefler, Patrick Leach, Brian McCarty, Rob Reilley

Members Absent: Chairman Dan Kolzow, Amy Szumny

Staff Members Present: Village Administrator John Nevenhoven

Others Present:

In the absence of Chairman Kolzow, a motion to appoint Dawn Kuefler as Temporary Chairman was made by Dickinson and seconded by McCarty. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

1. Call to Order – Temp Chairman Kuefler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Temp Chairman Kuefler led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call – A roll call vote ensued.
4. Approval of Minutes – January 23, 2019 – A correction was noted as follows: Agenda item 7(b), #2 – should state the cost of three bike racks is \$200/ea for a total of \$600. A motion to approve the minutes with the correction as stated was made by McCarty and seconded by Dickinson. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
5. Public Comment – None
6. Commissioner Project Updates
 - a. Elburn Station OSLAD Grant – Village Admin Nevenhoven advised Elburn's grant request has been approved and the contract has been received. Once the contract is confirmed, the improvements must occur within two years. The Village Board has just begun budget dialog for next fiscal year. Part of their decision is whether or not the Village can afford the grant in lieu of other improvements in town and future improvements at the park site (i.e., road access improvements, etc.). Hitchcock Consulting will take the next action when the contract is finalized.
 - b. Bike Paths – Reilley will provide a map of Elburn trails to Kane County this spring to add to their website.
 - c. Folks on Spokes – Leach spoke with Ben and Kristin from Folks on Spokes about the Village Parks Commission taking over their fundraising event and they are 100% in agreement. Leach showed the logo provided and said they will be turning over their mailing/contact list and 50 water bottles. The event is typically held during the month of September. Reilley has ideas and would like to form a planning committee to determine registration, set fees, etc. There was a brief discussion of ideas: bike decorating contest, sponsorships, park-to-park ride route, make it a real community event—not just Blackberry Creek, etc. Due to other events in town during the same timeframe, it was agreed the tentative date will be August 24, 2019. Locations for the event base was brainstormed: elementary school, Legion, Community Center, Metra Lot. A BBQ was suggested to encourage participants to hang out afterward. This will be on the agenda next month for further discussion.
 - d. Blackberry Creek Gazebo – McCarty distributed photos of the shelter the Commission recommends as the Village standard. It is more expensive than the original quote. Reilley will post on social media soliciting donations from private parties. Brandonisio may donate cement work. It is important future shelter pads are built with specs for this particular shelter. It was suggested to replace the current gazebo at Prairie Park with this option—it will stand the weather better.

- e. Dog Park – Reilley found a potential \$25K grant opportunity from a private company and does not believe a grant writer is required to complete the application. There was consensus the parcel located south of the Public Works building would probably be the best location, except there is no water available. Reilley will look further into the grant opportunity and report back to the Commission.
7. Budget Discussion – Nevenhoven gave an update on the proposed budget for FY2020.
- No funding to remove the sidewalk at Prairie Park. McCarty said Brandonisio is willing to remove it for no charge.
 - No funding for bike racks. Reilley would like to post the application on the Village website for private donations. There are some businesses who want to contribute.
 - No funding for trail exercise equipment.
 - Funding for three park signs was approved.
 - The Village Board would like more information regarding “park improvements.” Most likely we will continue soliciting volunteers, scout groups, etc. for this.
 - No funding for community gardens or a dog park. Applying for a grant (see item 6(a) above) is a good way to go.
 - Funding approved for the ice rink upkeep. The ice rink should be taken down soon when the weather breaks.
 - Trash cans and dog stations on Anderson Road (at Hicks and Prairie Valley) is a good idea. Would like to see if Shodeen will install some in their areas.
8. Other Business – The next meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2019. Reilley read aloud Facebook comments from residents regarding amenities they would like in town. Reilley advised the Blackberry BOLT 5K organizers the Village will not sponsor them monetarily but can provide in-kind services. McCarty said there are new requirements for cross walk (ladders) and knows people who will donate “stop for pedestrian” signs.
9. Adjourn - McCarty motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. with Dickinson seconding the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Diane McQuilkin
Village Clerk