

Village of Cross Plains

Park and Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2016

I. **Meeting called to order** at 6:03 pm By Committee Chair Brosius

Roll Call – Present: Kevin Thusius, Mike Axon, Dale Buechner, Jim Billmeyer, Bill Brosius; Frank Durham

II. **Public comment** – There was a concern that the village is not working as a cohesive group between the Street Scape committee, the PRC and other entities. What kind of community are we going to be. We should get all these groups together for one big planning session to help decided what will our community be known for.

III. **Reports**

1. Committee Chairperson – Zander Park is moving along to start process to get the park extended working with Dane County and the Railroad. Show the updated Comprehensive Plan for the Village
2. Committee Members – No Report
3. Park and Recreation Director – Mike went to the Coffee meeting at Coaches to talk with the community about Zander Park, the Dog Park and the Open Space Plan. Mike had a meeting with the Life Foundation for the Community Garden. We took over the youth Basketball from the Optimist Club. Feb 6th is the next Candle Light night.

IV. **Committee Discussion**

1. Discussion and action to approve the minutes from November 9, 2015
Kevin Thusius motion to approve, Dale Buechner 2nd. Committee approved
2. Luke Kloberdanz from the Ice Age Trail came to tell us that we were approved as a Trail Community. We would like to do a project in September (fall time) specific for the Ice Age trail activity. Next steps are to get an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) signed.
3. Discussion regarding Signs in the Parks and on Trails. Discussion about seeing dogs in parks and dogs off leash on trails. There is an option to change the code. People ignore the signs while they are looking at it. Some communities are going to change the ordinance. Mike will look at other communities and see what they are doing and see if/how it affects our insurance. Should have people come to the meeting for input.
4. Discussion regarding the Dog Park and fundraising efforts. – Village Board put \$45K to put this park together. Idea is to get community members to be something like Friends of the Dog Park. Idea is to start going forward as soon as possible. Would like to see some action for next month. Mike is going to look into fencing for the Dog Park and get RFP.
5. Discussion regarding the update of the 2013 Parks and Open Space Plan. Mike is going to come up with a plan and bring it to the group to evaluate.

6. Discussion regarding an Adopt a Park Program. Have Bill to come up with a form to Thank them for volunteering, want to continue, what do your group do the previous year. Do you want to continue. Why/why not. What age?
7. Next Meeting February 15th 2016 at 6:00 pm

V. Adjourned at 7:29 pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

Bill Brosius
Committee Chairman
February 2, 2016