

Village of Cross Plains

Park and Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2016

I. **Meeting called to order** at 6:00 pm By Committee Chair Brosius

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

Absent - Jim Billmeyer

II. **Public comment** – No Public Comment – 6 members of the community came to the meeting tonight.

III. **Reports**

1. Committee Chairperson – No Report
2. Committee Members – No Report
3. Park and Recreation Director – Mike talked about notice went out to returning employees for this summer - Advertising and Sponsorship Packet sent out and getting good response – Update on Zander Park Trail Expansion – Life Foundation Community Garden Plot – will be behind the old fire station for at least the next two years. Mike and Andrea have been working on 2016 department goals. And talked a little about the Parks Pride Program. For Parks Mike talked about Friends of the Conservancy and 7 people came out to help clean out areas of buckthorn, cut downed trees, etc. at Glacial Valley Conservancy. Staff doing a great job with Ice Rink and maintenance. 2016 Park reservations have started. Youth Basketball has 85 kids and doing well. Ends mid-March. Tot Rock n Roll has 11 kids in the program and new classes offered with CP Fit Pass.

IV. **Committee Discussion**

1. Discussion and action to approve the minutes from January 11, 2016
motion to approve, Kevin Thusius 2nd by Dale Buechner. Committee approved
2. Discussion and action regarding Dog Park implementation. Good discussion from community and committee members and staff about the dog park and what is to follow. Items that need to be addressed.
 - a. The \$45,000 for the Dog Park that was approved by the Village Board and the remainder of items for the Dog Park will come from fund-raising efforts. Mike was told by Matt that all has to come from fundraising.
 - b. RFP is out to 3 companies on fencing for the area. Chain Link or Weaved fence with chicken wire at base.
 - c. Stations for cleaning up dogs mess.
 - d. Signage
 - e. And Mike is going come up with Rules and the committee and community members can decide which rules are good for our Park.
 - f. How to fund ongoing maintenance
 - g. Fund raising efforts.Everything else was table until next meeting.

3. Discussion and action regarding revision to Village Ordinance to allow dogs in all or some parks. Motion was made by Kevin Thusius and 2nd by Dale Buechner that:
4. Propose to the Village Board that a change to the current Village Ordinance 73.02(d) to allow dogs in any village park. Restrictions are dogs must be on a leash no greater than 8 feet long. Dogs will not be allowed in play areas or sheltered picnic areas. Committee unanimously approved.
5. Discussion on a Adopt a Park form and implementation program. The committee agreed that the Parks Pride Program is well suited as a substitute for the Adopt-A-Park program.
6. Discussion on event to hold for the Ice Age Trail this year. We are looking to host a fair the weekend of October 8th and 9th. Things to do in Mill Creek, Zander Park area. Also Mike had a meeting with the Chamber, Luke with the Ice Age Trail and want to do something in the downtown area like we did for the open road party we had. June 10th is Friday night that the Chamber wants to do a dedication to become a trail community.

V. Adjourned at 7:50 pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

Bill Brosius
Committee Chairman
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