

# Village of Cross Plains Park and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes July 9, 2015

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

Roll Call – Present: Kevin Thusius, Mike Axon, Dale Buechner, Jim Billmeyer, Bill Brosius;  
Frank Durham (7:15pm)

II. **No Public comment**

III. **Reports**

1. Committee Chairperson – Discussed getting the packet electronically, the committee would like to get the packet electronically.
2. Committee Members – No Report
3. Park and Recreation Director –
  - a. Parks
    - i. New scoreboard at Baer park
    - ii. New signs at parks with location information on the sign
    - iii. Westview Conservancy Eagle Scout Project completed by Alex Kolb
  - b. Recreation
    - i. Discussion of programs going on this summer. Enrollment is up 28% for the month of June.
    - ii. Orientation for new staff and interns for the summer.
    - iii. Community Night with the Mallards on June 22 was great. Tds sponsored the entire night
  - c. Aquatics
    - i. Swimming pool prep swimming pool staff training and had a Red Cross Certified instructor take staff through CPR, rescues, and spinal injuries. And did live training.
    - ii. Pool Slide is down and getting repaired for rust damage. It is not safe for users.
  - d. Community Outreach
    - i. Cross Plains Parkway Farmers Market continues to be a big success
    - ii. Life Foundation received a \$50K grant for the empower and garden strategy.

IV. **Committee Discussion**

1. Committee approved the Park and Recreation minutes from the June 8, 2015 meeting.
2. Parks
  - a. Discussion for the Village Board to enroll in the Ice Age Trail Community program. Luke Kloberdanz (Outreach and Education manager for the Ice Age Trail) came to talk about the Ice Age Trail Community program to have our community highlighted by the Ice Age Trail. We would be responsible for a couple programs to run each year. We would be the first community to start this. The Ice Age Trail would promote the Village of Cross Plains tourism, and we

promote the trail. Our one-time fee would be approximately \$2,500 The Ice Age Trails would promote and advertise not only locally but throughout the Midwest for tourist to come to Cross Plains for our programs centered around the Ice Age Trail. The Life Foundation would offer their assistance.

Action to bring the application to the Village Board. Motion by Dale Buechner, Second by Jim Billmeyer, unanimous vote with Kevin Thusius abstaining.

- b. Discussion regarding application to the 2015 PARC & Ride Trail grant program regarding trail improvement to Zander Park. \$750K grant from Dane County with matching funds from the village. We applied for \$250K. Ultimate plan is to have a bike/walking trail from County KP to County P. One of the biggest challenges is to have pedestrian crossing over the Railroad. The entire project is estimated at \$1.24M
- c. Discussion regarding updating 2013 Parks and Open space 5 year strategic plan. The committee agreed to get comfortable with current document, and discuss it in every monthly meeting. Mike Axon would like to see that we update the document. We would also like to get community input on the Parks and Open Space Plan. Next month we will go through what has been done. Also want to see Park acquisition plan.
- d. Discussion on bringing a Dog Park to the Village. Jim Billmeyer shared a document from Michigan State University on "Designing a Model Dog Park Law" <https://www.animallaw.info/article/designing-model-dog-park-law> and Bill Brosius shared a document from the American Kennel Club called "Establishing a Dog Park in Your Community" <http://www.akc.org/pdfs/GLEG01.pdf> Talked about what we should do to create a dog park. Including why, how, cost, land size etc. A lot of people in the village would like to see a dog park. Bottle neck is location. Another consideration in how close to put this to residential property. Our current land we own is not big enough to sustain.
3. Discussion regarding the Conceptual Development Plan for the Buechner east of Baer Park. Discussed a developer has looked at the property. The plan that is out there is to show what that land can handle. The property has not changed hands from the family to the developer. Updates to come.
4. Discussion on how to get the word out to the community. Discussion went to editorials, word-of-mouth, surveys after each program, social media, website.
5. Meeting adjourned 7:44 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Bill Brosius  
Committee Chairman  
July 21, 2015