

Village of Cross Plains

Park and Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2015

I. **Meeting called to order** at 6:06 pm By Committee Chair Brosius

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

II. **No Public comment**

III. **Reports**

1. Committee Chairperson –

- a. Bill Brosius reported to the committee that the Village Trustees passed the Ice Age Trail Community.
- b. Brosius passed out a Letter to the Editor that promoted the Parks and Recreation Committee.

2. Committee Members – No Report

3. Park and Recreation Director –

- a. Concerning the basketball court at Glacial Valley Park, there were 3 bids for the asphalt work. Tri-County Paving Inc., were the lowest bid at \$7,600.00
- b. Mike highlighted parks and programs for the month. Youth dance had 223 participants up by 24 more kids.
- c. The slide at the pool will be repaired during the winter and will be installed in the spring. The cost is approximately \$1,500.
- d. Swim lessons are up this summer. We pay the lifeguards through-out the summer up front, and the String Rays pay back the Village at the end of the summer swim season.
- e. Community Outreach – Cross Plains Chalk Walk each, person, group, family will have a square to chalk. One of the Interns developed this project.

IV. **Committee Discussion**

1. The Committee passed the July 9, 2015 Minutes.
2. Presentation from Girls Scouts Troop 1035 Middleton and Troop 2423 Middleton. Lexy Hillebrand from Troop 1035 and Katie Epsilon from Troop 2423. They want to make an Aldo-Leopold bench for the Ice-skating rink in CP, a lost and rubber mats from the bench to the rink. In the future they would like to have a Lost and found. The girls made a presentation on what they wanted to do for their project which helps them earn the Silver Award. The Committee approved the girls project idea.
3. Discussion and Action regarding a Glacial Valley Park Basketball court project. There were 3 bids of 5 that came back for the asphalt work. Tri-County Paving Inc., was the lowest bid at \$7,600.00. Frank Durham made a motion to send the information to the Village and have Tri-County win the bid at \$7,600.00. Total project cost is &12,800.00 which is \$2,800.00 over-budget. Motion was 2nd by Jim Billmeyer, and the committee approved unanimously. Motion passed to move to the Village Board.
4. Discussion regarding a Community Garden Plot in the Village.
 - a. Mike is working with the Life Foundation to select a possible site for a Cross Plains Community Garden Plot. Life Foundations is trying to bring back the Community Garden
 - b. Looking at maybe a raised garden that is handicap accessible.
 - c. Need to make sure that whatever site is used, needs to be water accessible and space.

- d. Mike Axon brought a few idea out but nothing is established yet. More to come in the future.
 - e. This item should be put on the September agenda for this committee.
5. Discussion of the 2016 Parks/Recreation/Conservation Budget.
 - a. Mike Axon when over with the committee the budget he need to have complete soon for the Village Board. Mike spent a considerable amount of time going over the process and the different areas within his budget.
 - b. There were some questions that could not be answered by the end of the night by Mike, so he is going to go back and get the answers that the committee members had and bring back those answers for the next meeting.
 - c. We will have to have this budget approved by the committee so it can be submitted to the Village Board for the overall 2016 budget.
 - d. This item needs to be placed on the agenda for September.
6. Discussion regarding the update of the 2013 Parks and Open Space Plan.
 - a. Kevin proposed that the committee members visit all 26 parks in the community. Before the September committee meeting all members visit 13 parks, and by October visit the other 13 Parks.
 - b. Mike would like us to look at the policies and update the policies.
 - c. The committee agreed to visit the parks in the next 2 months and we'll also look start looking at the policies.
 - d. For the November Committee meeting have an Open-House and invite the community with snacks and drinks and have a desk with a picture of each park to get the public to comment on what they like and what they don't and what they would like to see changed.
7. Discussion on introducing a Dog Park to the Village.
 - a. Talked about the links to the get the documentation we discussed last month.
 - b. Still looking at where to put this Park. Areas discussed were an area off Hillebrand Dr. but the area is in the Township of Cross Plains. Next area was by the Dorothy Statz Conservancy Area. And the last area was north and east of Raspberry Park. Some of the land is owned by us and some of the land is owned by Heffron Homes.
8. Next meeting will be Wednesday September 7, 2015 at 7:00 pm. In the library meeting room.
9. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

Bill Brosius
Committee Chairman
August 13, 2015