

Village of Cross Plains

Park and Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2015

I. **Meeting called to order** at 7:07 pm by Committee Chair Brosius

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

Absent: Kevin Thusius

II. **No Public comment**

III. **Reports**

1. Committee Chairperson – No Report
2. Committee Members – No Report
3. Park and Recreation Director –
 - a. Basketball asphalt is done. Hoops coming in later in the week.
 - b. Recreation hit our revenue budget for the year. All revenues coming in now are above and beyond. More programs are set for the fall.
 - c. Aquatics – Pool is closed, very successful but didn't quite hit the revenue mark. Dog Days of Summer had 32 dogs attend. \$5 per dog.
 - d. The Interns were great this year. Two interns were a lot and didn't get much Mike time.

IV. **Committee Discussion**

1. Approved minutes from August 10th Parks and Recreation Committee meeting. Approved by the committee.
2. Continued Discussion on the 2016 Parks /Recreation/Conservancy budget. Parks Truck is planned for next year's budget. Other things that may come up is changes to parks like electricity, shelters, signs, etc.
3. Discussion on introduction for a Dog Park in the Village. Raspberry Park and South of the park would be helpful. We would have to acquire some property for Parking lot spaces. We would need to make sure that the entire grounds is fences. Dogs would not be able to go into the creek. Mike has a letter written up to the owner asking if we could acquire the property. Bill will get with Mike and bring those results to the committee.
4. Continue discussion on Community Garden In Cross Plains working in conjunction with the Life Foundation. Looking at the area at Gill's Way with raised beds. Life Foundation would take on the project and eventually the village would maintain it. Rain barrels maybe a possible way to have water where ever the garden is. Another possible location for a garden area could be by the basketball court in Baer Park.
5. Discussion on Open spaces and talked about 13 or so parks in town. Things that need to be worked on are signage for all parks, Fencing in some parks are in bad shape, possible shelters, Blacktopping the Baer Park Parking lot. Shade Trees for some parks. Schedule of when parks are to be updated. Talked about a need for new bleachers for the swim area and shade. Talk about music venues for some of the parks.
6. Agenda items for the July meeting should include:

- a. Public is invited for an open house for the meeting.
- b. We will discuss:
 - i. conditions of current parks and concerns of the community members.
 - ii. Idea for new park or conservancy areas
 - iii. Discussion on Adopt-A-Park idea from other communities.
 - iv. Recreation Programs overview and are there programs people would like to see developed for the community
 - v. Aquatics: where are we today. Where would we like to be.
 - vi. Ice Age trail Community
7. Discussion on plan for October Open House Next meeting will be October 12th at 6:30 pm Table will be setup with community open house at 5:30.
8. Meeting adjourned at 9:34 pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

Bill Brosius
Committee Chairman
September 30, 2015