

Village of Cross Plains

Park and Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2015

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

II. **Public comment** – Lee Sorenson brought up we need soccer fields in the Village.

III. **Reports**

1. Committee Chairperson – No definitive plans at this time to own or what the village will do if we do buy land at the Buechner Farm that is for sale. Very happy of the attendance by the village members.
2. Committee Members – No Report
3. Park and Recreation Director –
 - a. Welcome from Mike to the village members
 - b. Glacial Valley Park Basketball Court is complete and well used.
 - c. Bushes especially around signs are going to be pulled.
 - d. Fall and Winter activity report is out for the public.
 - e. Reminder that all dogs need to be on a leash when in conservancy area, and not allowed in any park except for the Zander Park.
 - f. Conservancy group is trying to get back together again.

IV. **Committee Discussion**

1. Discussion and action to approve the minutes from September 9, 2015
Frank Durham motion to approve, Dale Buechner 2nd. All approved
2. Presentation from Strand Associates regarding the conceptual plan for the Zander Community Park Trail Expansion project.
 - a. Tom Stetzer from Strand Associates gave a presentation to the committee describing the for Zander park is a 4 part plan.
 - b. Talked about the barriers we would have to overcome to move forward.
 - i. DOT
 - ii. Railroad
 - iii. DNR
 - iv. FEMA
 - c. Grants we are applying for from several agencies
3. Discussion on introducing a Dog Park to the Village.
 - a. Talked how Dog Parks are helpful to a community
 - b. Open discussion with the Village members and committee members on
 - i. Needs for a dog park (fence, water, parking, location, etc)
 - ii. Brought up 3 possible areas

1. Brewery Creekside Park – group discussed that this is very narrow and not a great location for a dog park.
2. Conservancy trail south of Hillebrand
3. Raspberry Park
4. Buechner area?

Questions were will this be a dog park specific, or mixed use.

There should be 1 park where dogs should be allowed and leashes optional.

Water in not necessary but a “nice to have” a lot of parks are dry

Incidence of dogs not on lease in parks or conservancy area aggressive to people and other dogs

Law enforcement not doing anything about enforcing park rules, police have told citizens that dogs are allowed off leash in the park.

Puppy area?

4. Discussion regarding the update of the 2013 Parks and Open Space Plan.
 - a. Asked the community what they like, not useful, what they want to see.
 - b. Talked about parks that need to be updated or improved
 - c. Bill brought up Adopt a Park again in the Village.
 - d. We are working on the 5 year plan.

V. Adjourned at 7:23 pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

Bill Brosius
Committee Chairman
November 2, 2015