

Village of Cross Plains

Park and Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

November 9, 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. **Public comment** – No public attended and no public comment

III. **Reports**

1. **Committee Chairperson** – Bill Brosius commented on the very successful meeting we had with the public in October. There were 16 people that signed in and a few more that came in that did not put their names on the list.
2. **Committee Members** – Kevin Thusius commented that there were many well-constructed comments at the October meeting and that we should do this again as the need arises.
3. **Park and Recreation Director** –
 - a. Mike Axon reported that a memorial tree was planted for Jesse Shimiok in H.M. Zander Community Park on 10/14/15. He would like to see more of this throughout the village.
 - b. A new youth program in the village for you that builds teamwork and exercise was held at Park School gym. The program called Nerf Alert, has an activity or two that uses Nerf™ guns was moved to Baer Park, to respect the rules at the school that were inadvertently missed. This is a very successful program for the youth.
 - c. The swimming pool raised \$2,148 in donations mostly from the 6th Annual Cross Plains Crawl.

IV. **Committee Discussion**

1. **Discussion and action to approve the minutes from October 12, 2015**

Kevin Thusius made note that in the October Meeting he added the we as a committee needed review village ordinances in our parks and conservancy areas. Kevin Thusius made a motion to approve with the changes, Dale Buechner 2nd. Committee approved.

2. **Discussion and action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding a preferred alternative for a dog park to be included in the 2016 Capital Budget.**

Kevin Thusius made a motion that the PRC recommends to the Village Board that approximately 4 to 5 acres of Raspberry Park in the Village of Cross Plains be used for a Dog Park. Jim Billmeyer 2nd the motion. Passed 5 –yes, 0 –no.

Dale Buechner made a motion that the PRC recommends to the Village Board the use of \$45,000 come from the 2016 Capital Budget for a Dog park located at Raspberry Park. Jim Billmeyer 2nd. Passed 5- yes, 0 –no.

It was also discussed and encouraged that some of the funding for the proposed Dog Park be donated or a fund raiser ran to include possible features like benches and shade.

3. Discussion regarding the update of the 2013 Parks and Open Space Plan.

- a. The need for a 5-year plan and it's updates are essential for the Village to apply for and obtain future grants. Each member is going to review the plan, make changes, updates, suggestions as they see fit and bring them to the next meeting where they will be discussed an Mike Axon will begin compiling into a new plan.
- b. Mike also shared that we were awarded a grant from P.A.R.C for \$200,000 for the H.M. Zander Community Park trail extension.

4. Discussion regarding an Adopt a Park Program.

Moved to the next PRC meeting.

Next Meeting will be January 11, 2016.

V. Adjourned at 8:40 pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

Bill Brosius
Committee Chairman
November 9, 2015