

RECREATION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

September 15th, 2022 5:30pm P.M., Park View Room

Present: Ms. Katy Cornell, Ms. Stacy Barry-Coffey, Dr. Susan Retzack, Ms. Allison Kelly, Mr. Neal Palmer
Mr. Wes Parkin, Mr. Ryan Black

Also Present: Mr. Jonathan Clemins, Recreation Director, Ms. Nicci Sternitzky

1.) Call meeting to order

Trustee & Chairperson Katy Cornell called the meeting to order at 5:33pm.

2.) Review and act on minutes dated July 22nd 2022

Ms. Cornell motioned to approve the minutes. Dr. Retzack moved and Mr. Parkin second the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

3.) 22 Elm Grove Pool Report

Mr. Clemins started by going over safety numbers for the summer indicated that there were 18 active rescues, 2 sting/bite care and 4 cut/scrap care. Dr. Retzack asked about ages and locations of the active rescues. Mr. Clemins said most of the ages were younger and in the shallow zone and during swim test for pool parties. Mr. Clemins then explained pool attendance number and despite the hour reduction because of lifeguard shortage throughout the summer it was a successful summer and noting an interesting trend where there were more nonresidents than residents with daily pool attendance. Ms. Cornell asked about lifeguard wages to which Mr. Clemins said that Elm Grove paid the most in Waukesha County. Mr. Palmer mentioned that the lifeguard shortage was nationwide and suggested partnering up with local high schools and offering payment for lifeguard certification if they lifeguard for the Village of Elm Grove. Mr. Clemins agreed to look into this option for next summer. Dr. Retzack asked about Splash Pad maintenance and if it was under warranty to which Mr. Clemins said it was expired and that leak detection would be done on October 5th. Mr. Palmer asked about a second diving board and what other options the Village could pursue. Mr. Black mentioned a slide to which Ms. Barry-Coffey mentioned it had been looked into in the past but could be an option.

4.) Summer 2022 Program Report

Mr. Clemins started with mentioning that programs this summer went well but would like to find more consistent camp counselors and to find teams for tennis and swim teams. Ms. Kelly mentioned there are more club teams than in years past as a possible reason why it is hard to find recreation competition. Mr. Palmer suggested finding out what surrounding departments offered and see if there was a way to partner up or offer an open swim meet. Dr. Retzack asked about the Elm Grove Camp Out to which Mr. Clemins said it went well but might reevaluate food options for breakfast. Ms. Barry-Coffey mentioned doughnuts and coffee are always a hit.

5.) 4th of July Fireworks Recap

Mr. Clemins said rescheduled fireworks went well and were well attended. Mr. Parkin mentioned that the time was not too early for the fireworks. Ms. Cornell suggested if fireworks were rescheduled again or on a different date that we try to get food trucks for the event and see if they could come earlier. Mr. Palmer suggested that the committee might look into moving fireworks to another day and look into polling residents. Ms. Kelly asked if emailing residents was an option to which Mr. Palmer said that the email list was not as complete to get a majority. Dr. Retzack noted she did not feel comfortable with moving the fireworks just based on polling alone. Committee agreed to look into ways to get public opinion on Firework on different date other than 4th of July.

6.) Fall Program Update

Mr. Clemins said that programs are well on their way and well attended and hopes to have a new fitness class starting in the next few weeks. Ms. Barry-Coffey asked about the possibility of mats for Taekwondo Mr. Clemins said he would talk to the instructor and if this was still a need.

7.) Elmbrook United Academy Saturday Parking

Mr. Black started by explaining the parking and bathroom situation on last Saturday and said Elmbrook United has more teams than it has had in years past causing more parking and bathroom issues for the park. Ms. Cornell mentioned that the soccer club could help take care of the bathrooms on Saturdays to help the Village during the soccer season. Mr. Palmer mentioned the contract with Elmbrook United and that it should be looked at especially with the increase of participants. Ms. Cornell also mentioned that St. Mary's or Tonawanda could be used for overflow parking on Saturday game days. Mr. Parkin said that the academy could have shuttle from St. Mary's or Tonawanda. Dr. Retzack also noted that with the increased traffic that DPW might have to increase no parking signs like during other special events. Mr. Palmer and Mr. Clemins will schedule a meeting with Elmbrook United to go over parking before their next Saturday games at Village park.

8.) Old Business

Dr. Retzack asked about the last time the basketball courts were resurfaced. Mr. Clemins thought it was around 2017 but was not sure if there was a rotation or when it would be done like the tennis courts. Mr. Palmer suggested to see if it could still be done this year if the funding was available. Ms. Berry-Coffey asked about Open Space Park Plan. Mr. Clemins said he found the old plan and has started to look through it and agrees that it needs to be updated. Mr. Palmer suggested talking with local colleges to get an intern to help with this project since most require a project with their internship.

9.) New Business

Ms. Sternitzky spoke to the committee about obtaining the Bird City designation and getting support in gathering information to obtain designation. Mr. Black suggested putting information in the Rec Guide and Facebook page with link. Ms. Cornell said information could be placed in the pool house over the summer and possibly in the News Independent. Ms. Berry-Coffey thought that local schools could potentially also help with this project. Ms. Sternitzky agreed to send information to committee so we could evaluate the best way to get information out.

10.) Adjourn

Mr. Parkin moved and Mr. Black seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jon Clemins, Recreation Manager