



Meeting: Parks & Recreation Commission
Place: 106 S. Main Street; Board Room
Date: August 4, 2021, at 6:00 P.M.
Webpage: www.poynette-wi.gov

Minutes

- 1) Call to Order:
Chair Tomlinson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance:
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited
- 3) Members Present:
Chair Commissioner Tomlinson, Peters, Digman, Golueke, Belay, Nooyen and Stronach
Staff Present: Village President Kaschinske, Clerk/Treasurer Megow and Deputy Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Kilen
- 4) Approval of Minutes from July 7, 2021:
Motion by Golueke to approve the minutes from July 7, 2021, second by Nooyen, MC 7-0
- 5) Public Communications and Comments:
Trevor Bender a resident from Portage emailed Village Staff about his recent visit to Jamieson Park to play Disc Golf. Mr. Bender saw that there is a possibility for additional disc golf holes, and he would like to help since he had enjoyed playing on this fun course.
- 6) Staff, Commission Member and Consultant Reports:
Commissioner Digman who is also a 10-U Baseball Coach expressed his concern about the back ball diamond at Pauquette Park that needs Safety Netting for Foul Balls as soon as possible. Digman has observed too many close calls of a foul ball almost hitting a small child.
- 7) Business (Discussion/Possible Action)
 - a) Jamieson Park Updates:
Commissioner Peters updated members and visitors on the progress of the Jamieson Park Event and the purchase of Disc Frisbees to be handed out at the event. The topic of choosing one or two pit toilets to be installed at Jamieson Park was discussed in detail. The cost of one pit is \$13000 and the cost of a double compartment pit is \$37000. Commissioners decided to start with one and then in the future a second one could be added. Chair Tomlinson will contact General Engineering.
 - b) Splash Pad Update:
Village Staff was informed by Public Works Director Gorman that a rubber part of the mushroom steppingstone broke at the splash pad and will also need to be replaced along with the water spray gun. Commissioners requested for Gorman to get prices of the repairs.
 - c) Movies in the Park Recap:
It was estimated by Fun Flicks that approximately 130 showed up for the July 16 Croods 2 Movie. Commissioner Nooyen suggested next year having Friday Pizza and a Movie Night, or a movie night with food samplings from local vendors. Commissioner Digman

thought next time we should still hand out free popcorn. Commissioners requested for Village staff to get pricing from Fun Flicks to be able to determine how many movies could be shown and placed in the budget for next year.

- d) **Ice Rink:**
Chair Tomlinson noted one of the bigger issues with the ice rink is the liner tares from people using the rink before it is frozen and no way to stop them. The Commissioners have decided to buy new liners for the bigger and smaller rink for a fresh clean start to every skating season until a permanent solution could be made.
 - e) **Creation of a Parks and Recreation Employee:**
Guest Speaker Kristin Grissom, the Parks and Recreation Director for the City of Sun Prairie expressed her passion for what a parks and recreation department brings to a community. Grissom answered the many questions commissioners had asked and offered her advice as to what makes a program successful. Grissom is available to help us with any future questions. Partnering with the schools, colleges, applying for grants, and asking for sponsorships, were some of the tools Grissom found useful to offset costs. Village President Kaschinske was present and expressed her full support to have this new department budgeted and operational in 2022.
 - f) **Parks Budget and Budget Comparison for January 1, 2021, thru June 30, 2021:**
Commissioners reviewed the proposed budget to include this new Park and Recreation Department along with some of the other expected increases. Some of the new costs will be salary with benefits, professional development for the new employee, program supplies, and program software.
- 8) **Upcoming Meeting Agenda Requests:**
Pauquette Park back baseball field Improvements, Movies, Jamieson Park, Park and Recreation Employee and Budget.
- 9) **Adjournment:** Chair Tomlinson adjourned the meeting at 7:32 pm.

Approved September 1, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Kilen

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Deputy Clerk/ Deputy Treasurer