

Village of Bellaire

PARKS COMMITTEE

Tricia Drollinger, Chairperson

Patrick Boyd

Helen Schuckel

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 21, 2021

10:00 AM

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM.

II. Roll Call - Attendance

Present: Helen Schuckel, and Tricia Drollinger

Absent: Patrick Boyd

Staff Present: Nicole Essad, Clerk and Bradley Keiser DPW Supervisor

Public Present: Don Waara, and Gary Lockwood

III. Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as presented.

Motion by Drollinger, seconded by Schuckel to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Passed by unanimous voice vote.

IV. Approval of Minutes - April 14, 2021: The minutes of the April 14, 2021 meeting were not finished and were tabled.

Motion by Drollinger, seconded by Schuckel to table the approval of the minutes of the April 14, 2021 meeting. Motion Passed by unanimous voice vote.

V. Conflict of Interest: None presented.

VI. Public Comment: None presented.

VII. Old Business: None presented.

VIII. New Business

- a. Ice Rink:** Mr. Gary Lockwood stated that he had concerns about the new easy rink that the Village approved to purchase. Chairperson Drollinger explained that the new easy rink system can be set up on the tennis court in the fall, then the Fire Department can fill it up, and the tennis courts will be locked until the ice can be used. She also stated that lighting around the tennis courts can be put up. She stated that the Village is not trying to kick anyone out of anything. DPW Supervisor Keiser stated that his email stated that if Mr. Lockwood and his group want to help with the ice rink still, they can. Mr. Lockwood stated that he is speaking for Rotary and Bellaire Youth Initiative, and their concerns were the size of the easy rink, and snow removeable. DPW Supervisor Keiser stated that the tennis court/easy rink and the current rink are

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the same size, the easy rink may be 6 inches shorter. Mr. Lockwood stated that was fine. He also stated that another concern is snow removal through the fence. DPW Supervisor Keiser stated that he has discussed snow removal and blowers with Trustee Ciganick, who had designed how to do it. DPW Supervisor Keiser stated that the current lighting for the ice rink is not good. He also stated that there were plans to renovate the bathhouse there so it could be a year-round bathhouse. He stated that all the Village is trying to do is improve the ice rink. Mr. Lockwood stated that he does not like emails, and there was some confusion when he brought the easy rink plan to his boards. DPW Supervisor Keiser stated that the Village likes emails because then he can show Trustees what was said. Mr. Lockwood stated that he was going to build a changing hut for match the shed that is there now. General discussion was held about the size of the tennis court and where the current ice rink is. Mr. Lockwood stated that he would assist will maintenance. DPW Supervisor Keiser stated that they can continue doing what they are doing, with the hot chocolate/coffee grand opening, and the need a skate leave a skate program. Mr. Lockwood asked if the Village would be willing to buy a skate sharpener at the DPW. Chairperson Drollinger stated she was not sure about that. It was on the consensus of the Committee not to buy a skate sharpener. Mr. Lockwood asked for a warming hut. Chairperson Drollinger stated that the warming hut will be therein the winter and removed in the summer. General discussion was held about if the warming hut should be a temporary structure, or wooden structure but moveable. Chairperson Drollinger suggested an 8 ft by 10 ft shed that can be moved to the DPW for the summer. Mr. Lockwood suggested putting it by the parking lot. Chairperson Drollinger suggested walking around the park to find a good location for the warming shed. Mr. Lockwood would downplay a portable situation because he knows what happens with winds in that locations. He stated that there needs to be a structure that withstands the winds and snow. Mr. Lockwood stated that a 10 ft by 10 ft is extremely small. DPW Supervisor Keiser stated that 10 ft by 10 ft is the max. He stated that it would be moved to the DPW during the summer. Chairperson Drollinger stated that there are issues with vandalism. Mr. Lockwood disagreed. DPW Supervisor Keiser stated that there are court cases currently going to because of vandalism. General discussion was held about vandalism in the park. DPW Supervisor Keiser stated that there does not need to be anymore building within Richardi Park. General discussion was held about removing a lawn roller. Chairperson Drollinger stated that if there is a warming shed it needs to be 10 by 10 because it needs to be removed during the summer. Mr. Lockwood stated that they were thinking about a 3 on 3 hockey competition, which would mean that board would need to be placed there. He stated that the boards could be sponsored, and the money could be split 50/50 between the Village and Rotary. General discussion was held about a skate sharpener. Chairperson Drollinger stated she did not want to give the DPW employees another job, because that is not maintaining Village property. Mr. Lockwood stated that the Village could inherit maintaining the ice rick back. Chairperson Drollinger

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stated that if the Village does then it will manage. She stated that the Village appreciates everything that they do, and the Village is happy that they are involved, but all the Village is trying to do is to make it better for the community and easier to make ice. Mr. Lockwood stated that the Village should be aware that if water gets on the tennis court surface, then it better be the right surface.

Motion by Drollinger, seconded by Schuckel to recommend to the Village Council to allow Rotary to place a moveable 10 feet by 10 feet warming hut near the skating area in the winter. Motion Passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Lockwood asked about advertising/ sponsorships in the parks. General discussion was held about possible sponsorships/advertising in the parks and needing permission to hold the 3 on 3 hockey competition.

- b. Friends of Veterans Request:** Don Waara explained that he and the Friends of Veterans want to place two planters next to the flagpole in Richardi Park to put flowers in. He stated that last year the garden club offered to assist him in maintaining the flowers. He stated that there was only one flat of flowers there because the bricks were not there. Chairperson Drollinger stated that there will be three less barrels the Village plants this year, so the Village could plant those. Mr. Waara stated that the Village does not have to do that. He asked for help maintaining the flowers. It was the consensus of everyone that Mr. Waara not take his wife's roses for the flowers. DPW Supervisor Keiser stated asked that everything be placed on the bricks so that it is easier to mow and weed whip. Chairperson Drollinger stated that it looks nice where he placed them. Mr. Waara showed this Committee the pictures he took for the calendar. He also stated that there have been a lot of people say nice things about the placement of the flag and bricks. DPW Supervisor Keiser stated that Mr. Waara did ok, and Friends of Veterans do a lot but asks for very little.

Motion by Schuckel, seconded by Drollinger to recommend to the Village Council to allow the Friends of Veterans to place two planters at the flagpole in Richardi Park at no cost to the Village. Motion Passed by unanimous voice vote.

- IX. Correspondence/Reports:** Clerk Essad stated that she talked to Deana Jardee from Paddle Antrim. Paddle Antrim wanted an update on what was going on at Richardi Park, and if there was anything that they could help with. Clerk Essad stated that there were plans to revamp Richardi Park, but it was only in the exceedingly early preliminary phases. Paddle Antrim also asked about the kayak launch and what needs to be done. Clerk Essad stated that Paddle Antrim suggested a partnership to work on the kayak launch. Clerk Essad stated she told Ms. Jardee that the Village wants to finish up current projects, of which the kayak launch is one, but that the Village needs the money for it.

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DPW Supervisor Keiser stated that he also talked to her about a partnership between the two entities to get the grants for the launch, and if there were any cost savings for the launch. He also stated that Paddle Antrim wants to talk about new wayfinding signs.

Chairperson Drollinger stated that there is money set aside for the play equipment, and she asked if this money could be used for Craven to get it done. DPW Supervisor Keiser stated to leave it as it is, because the play equipment at Craven will need to be replaced. He also stated that he just talked to Mr. Hebden about Craven Ballfields Improvements. DPW Supervisor Keiser stated that that project is going forward. He stated Mr. Hebden stated that the School Board Members are excited about the project. General discussion was held about the school board meeting.

- X. Member/Public Comment:** Chairperson Drollinger asked Trustee Schuckel if May 26 at 10:00 AM would work to plant the flowers. General discussion was held about the new flowerpots, getting dirt for the pots, and flowers. Chairperson Drollinger stated for the DPW to get dirt for the barrels and Chairperson Drollinger and Trustee Schuckel will get flowers.

Trustee Schuckel asked about wrapping the monuments during the winter. DPW Supervisor Keiser stated that wrapping is not good because moisture gets trapped. He stated that he will investigate getting something to protect the monuments from the salt and snow.

- XI. Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 AM to the call of the chair.

Minutes compiled by:
Nicole E. Essad, Clerk

Minutes are subject to approval.

Approved: _____

Date: _____