

Village of Bellaire

PARKS COMMITTEE

Tricia Drollinger, Chairperson

Patrick Boyd

Helen Schuckel

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 29, 2023

1:00 PM

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM

II. Roll Call - Attendance

Present: Patrick Boyd, Helen Schuckel, and Tricia Drollinger

Absent: None

Staff Present: Bradley Keiser, DPW Supervisor; Nicole Essad, Clerk & Cathy Odom, Treasurer.

Public Present: Tanya DeOliveira, Maleah Rakestraw, Jeff Hebden & Meghan Rowinski

III. Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as amended to add under New Business item c. Craven Park Long Term Camping.

Motion by Schuckel, seconded by Boyd, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion Passed by unanimous voice vote.

IV. Approval of Minutes – April 12, 2023: The minutes of the April 12, 2023 meeting were approved as presented.

Motion by Boyd, seconded by Schuckel, to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2023 meeting as presented. 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. Richardi Park Plan Design: Williams and Works presented the third design plan, that incorporated feedback from the public open house. Ms. Rakestraw briefly went through the summary of the feedback from the open house. The committee and staff reviewed the new plan and made some slight modifications to it. Williams and Works will be proving phases of implementation and some renderings of the new features. General discussion was held about the phasing of implementing the new design plan. It was noted that Williams and Works will begin working on those items and once that is complete, the new design plan with renderings and phasing will be presented to the Village Council for approval.

b. Craven Park Ballfields Fundraiser: Mr. Jeff Hebden updated the Committee on how much the current fundraisers have brought in. He introduced Ms. Meghan Rowinski to give a presentation on how naming rights of the fields could be given to donors. He noted that this would not change the name of Craven Park, it would just be “name” Fields at Craven Park instead. Ms. Rowinski introduced herself and gave a presentation about getting sponsorships for the ballfields. She stated

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that there would be two approaches: 1. Single sponsorship – one donor sponsors the entire ballfield complex (approximately \$350,000) for naming rights for 25 years; and 2. Multiple sponsorships – multiple donors sponsor different features of the ballfields with naming rights for as long as the feature lasts. It was noted that the already sold banners and bricks would be able to be displayed on the fields even with the naming rights. Ms. Rowinski stated that there would be an agreement with the sponsor and all funds would be processed through the Village. Potential sponsors were discussed. A timeline was discussed for getting a single sponsor/multiple sponsors.

Motion by Drollinger, seconded by Boyd, to recommend to the Village Council to have Ms. Rowinski seek out sponsors for naming the fields. Motion Passed by unanimous voice vote.

- c. **Craven Park Long Term Camping:** It was discussed that when reviewing the dollar amount, the long-term camping at the campground brings in a large portion of the revenue for the campground. Trustee Boyd stated that since he was pushing to get rid of the long-term camping, the campground does look a lot better. DPW Supervisor Keiser stated that the only issue has been one camper trying to get around the no household appliances rule. It was discussed that the sites need to be marked out better and paving the roadway. It was also discussed that there may be a need to reconfigure the camp sites because of the size of trailers, while also redoing the water and sewer and expanding them. General discussion was held about making a certain section of the campground long-term camping. It was the consensus to investigate redoing the campground.

IX. Correspondence/Reports: DPW Supervisor Keiser stated that the Community In Action (CIA) money was enough to buy the I-beams for the scoreboards, and they have been delivered. He also stated that he was approached by a Kearney Township Board member because the Township has ARPA money left that it has not spent, and it needs to be committed or the township will lose it. He wrote a formal request to the Township for \$25,000 to cover the cost of the high school dugouts, and it is on the agenda for next Monday. He also stated that Tru-Green is doing another application on the fields, and if Kearney Township says yes to the dugouts, then the Village can buy the groomer it needs for the fields.

DPW Supervisor Keiser stated that he has had three complaints about electric bikes/scooters on the non-motorized trail. General discussion was held about giving definitive guidance on what is allowed on the walking path and what is not allowed, and possibly enacting an ordinance so enforcement is possible.

Clerk Essad stated that the Sparks grant was submitted for Richardi Park. DPW Supervisor Keiser also stated that there is a new slide at Richardi Park now.

X. Member/Public Comment: None presented.

XI. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM.

Minutes compiled by:
Nicole E Essad, Clerk

Minutes are subject to approval.

Approved: _____

Date: _____