

City of Lake Geneva Park Board Minutes for Meeting 3-21-23

Call to order was at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 6:30 PM by President Cindy Feuredi.

Roll call was taken by Secretary Barbara Philipps. Those present were Cindy Feuredi, Brian Olsen, David Quickel, Barbara Philipps, Peggy Schneider, Peg Esposito, Alderperson Cindy Yager. Mayor Charlene Klein was absent, and Demetra Condos has resigned. Guests included Lois Preusser, Neal Wasco and Mary Jo Fessenmaier.

Comments from the public were limited to items on the agenda. Mary Jo Fessenmaier spoke about new park signs, the YMCA path and possible grants for rehabbing the path for the 8th generation. Peg talked about the large sign bought by the Park Board, the sign provided by the Avian Committee and the sign purchased thru the S.B. Johnson Grant. The minutes from 2-23-23 were requested to be amended by Cindy Feuredi and Peg Esposito seconded. Approved by the Board unanimously.

Neal Wasco reported for Public Works. The outdoor bathrooms will be opened April 1st. There have been a lot of permits submitted and the Department of Public Works is discussing the YMCA.

Cindy reported that the cost of moving the dog park is estimated to be \$71,000 and supplying water would be prohibitive. The Dog Park is not going to be moved.

There was discussion regarding the cost of converting the Tennis Court into a Pickleball Court. Cindy said it would cost \$42,000 to resurface. It would cost \$18,000 to fill the cracks. Peg asked if it would need to be resurfaced again in 8-9 years. Neal stated the Tennis Court needs to be resurfaced not filled. Cindy stated the Pickle Ball people want the Tennis Court to be converted. The Park Board has no funds to resurface and then convert into a Pickleball Court. Peg made a motion and Cindy seconded to resurface the Tennis Court and reline the pickleball Court. The vote was approved unanimously.

There was discussion/recommendation regarding the cost of multi-use path located by the YMCA. A new path would cost \$276,463.51. Dave said lighting should also be considered. Brian questioned why this subject was being brought up to the Park Board. Neal stated lighting would be a problem. Property is owned by the YMCA. The YMCA will be sold within the year. Cindy stated the path should be paved. Peg Esposito stated that the path is not safe at night and needs to be revamped. Peg Esposito said the ADA should obtain the Grant. See the enclosed Exhibit E for cost of the multi-use path. Cindy recommended that this matter be continued.

There was discussion and recommendation regarding the ordering of new park signs. There was talk of a 4 Seasons sign and Storybook Trail is applying for a grant. Timberline Sign Company is working with the City on this.

Peg made a statement saying that Walworth County does not care if the Park Board renames the parks. There was discussion and recommendation to rename Willow Park to Flat Iron Park and Elm Park to Library Park as recommended by Mary Sturges. (as noted in Council Minutes of 1894) This was voted on and approved unanimously.

Park rental income was discussed. The Park Board needs a budget. Park Board needs money to fix the park equipment. Cindy stated the Park Board is designed to be visionary. Our vision is to purchase new playground equipment. It is up to the Park Board to figure it out. Cindy made a motion and Brian seconded that the Park Rental income for 2024 go to Park Board and then go to FLR for approval. The motion was approved unanimously. Brian said Park Board needs to do this now and not wait for new Park Manager position to be filled.

Money making ideas for the Parks were discussed. Cindy recommended a "working meeting" to discuss raising money for the parks with income being given to and controlled by the Park Board. Brian talked about using food trucks for events. It was decided that April 19th, 2023 will be the date of the working meeting at 6:PM. The meeting will be held on the second floor of City Hall.

There was discussion of dates for YMCA quarterly reviews: April 18th18, July 18, Sept 19 and Oct 17 of 2023. The next meeting will be April 25, 2023 at 6:30 PM.

Cindy requested the Park Board Meeting be adjourned. Dave Quickel seconded. This was approved unanimously. The park board meeting was adjourned on 3-21-23 at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara J. Philipps, Secretary for City of Lake Geneva Park Board
on 3-22-23