

**TOWN OF GENESEE
PARK BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 2019**

Chairman Hill was absent this evening, Dennis Michaelis acting as Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Present were Park Board members Vaughn Werner, Jim Gibson, Charlie Gresser. Mary Jo Meier arrived at 5:50 p.m. and Scott Hettwer was absent. Also present were Town Board Supervisor Jim Morris, DPW Superintendent Will Gibson and Park Board Secretary Barb Whitmore.

Discussion on the updating the Outdoor Recreation Plan

Michaelis felt we were waiting on the county to bring back their plan to review. There was a discussion on pickle ball courts, Werner stated he is in contact with several communities waiting for information regarding the pickle ball court information, discussion.

Discussion/Action- Park Minutes of September 17, 2019 and Joint Town Board and Park Board of September 17, 2019

Werner made motion to approve both meetings on September 17, 2019, Jim Gibson seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Review of Park Bills

Gresser stated he felt items 3,4 and 5 should be removed from the agenda. The Town Board told them last month that they are a recommending body only and not involved in this part of the park. Morris said that Will Gibson will be giving a written monthly status report updating what has been done at the park. Gresser felt the Park Board was to be looking at the long-range needs of the parks. Discussion.

Sunset Park Review

Discussion/action – Work to be done

Update on electronic locks for restroom doors (both parks)

Will Gibson reported the locks have been installed and set, he is going to ask the Town Board tomorrow night to try the locks next spring rather than starting now with the park being open only a short time he felt it would be best to wait till next year so if there is vandalism it would not affect the end of year closing.

Update on Rock covers order

Will Gibson reported the rock covers are in.

Town Park Review

Discussion/action – Work to be done

Update on sand box, diggers

Will Gibson said the diggers have not been installed. He would put one (1) at Sunset Park and three (3) at Town Park, discussion.

Jim Gibson questioned possibly hiring Mark De Marais as a part time employee next summer to help with the maintenance of the hard ball diamond at Town Park, discussion.

Nature Center

Discussion/action of work to be done

Cut and clear path area's

Will Gibson said they are waiting for the companies to get proposals and the work will be done in the winter when the companies are not as busy.

Review of proposed 2020 park budget – Will Gibson

Will Gibson told the Board he is budgeting to cover the ceilings in the pavilions, it will make it easier to maintain them for rentals, birds' nest under them. There is also money budgeted for electronic gates and what is left for the camera system. Discussion on changing the mix used on the ball diamonds and putting it on the two wettest diamonds at Sunset. They feel diamonds 1 and 4 are the worst.

Three proposals were received for weed control at the parks, they were -

- True Green - \$10,439
- Central Service - \$11,569
- Grounds Effect - \$19,400

Discussion.

Meier arrived at 5:50 p.m.

Discussion of getting wood chips from We Energies for the trails in the Nature Center, also if buckthorn would spread when the wood is chipped.

Update on Recreation Department - Dennis Michaelis

Baseball will be starting two (2) weeks later next year, discussion. The soccer goals will come down on the 28th.

Will Gibson told the Board he has also budgeted funds to replace some boards and insulate the Sunset storage building next year, they may work on this over the winter.

Correspondence

No correspondence this evening.

Jim Gibson made motion to adjourn, Meier seconded, motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Whitmore, WCMC
Park Board Secretary