

**TOWN OF GENESEE
PARK BOARD MEETING
September 15, 2020**

Chairman Hill called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Present were Park Board members Scott Hettwer, Jana Heinzelmann, Vaughn Werner, Dennis Michaelis; absent were Jim Gibson and Charlie Gresser. Also present were Jason Fruth, Waukesha County Parks and Planning, Will Gibson, DPW Superintendent, Jeff Schmittinger, Town Supervisor and Barb Whitmore, Park Board Secretary.

Discussion of Outdoor Recreation Plan – Rebekah Leto, Senior Lane Use Specialist, Waukesha County Parks and Land Use

Jason Fruth was present this evening to review the survey sent out in last years tax bill and suggestions the county has come up with. He felt the overwhelming responses were favorable.

Review of the survey and responses –

Most of those who responded they use the parks for walking, relaxing and the playground. Several suggested they would like to see beer gardens, and farmers markets. There was a discussion regarding community events and how to possibly start a beer garden. It was agreed there were Farmer’s Markets all around the town, so they would not pursue that.

Discussion of uses at the Nature Center, making this into a dog park. This would need to be discussed at a future date.

There were several suggestions in the survey to add some adult activities and also more shade was needed at the playground area at Sunset Park. A discussion followed on possibly adding a pickle ball court where the volley ball court is at Sunset and adding several 14 x 14 small pavilions by the playground area.

Discussion on possibly putting in a Disk golf on the north side of the bike trail or a bike repair station at Sunset Park. There was also discussion of a suggestion from the survey connecting a path from Sunset Park to Retzer Nature Center.

The Park Board will discuss a draft list of goals at the next meeting.

Discussion/Action- Park Board Minutes of August 18, 2020

Michaelis made motion to approve, Werner seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Report on Parks - DPW Superintendent Will Gibson

Gibson went over a list of things that have been done at the parks. They will have to remove the ramp to the sandbox, the wheel chairs cannot go up with the sand on it, can’t get the traction. They are thinking about purchasing a 128” John Deere mower for Sunset to cut down the costs, discussion. They have found one for \$55,000, there is currently \$87,652 in the assigned funds for equipment.

Update on the following from last months meeting -

Baseball mix for Sunset ball diamonds

They are working on the crowning material and material needed for field 1.

Trimming of trees at Town Park

They are not going to tackle the trees now.

Clean up of trees on septic area at Town Park

The trees have been cut and cleared.

Covid-19 updates at parks

The automatic soap dispensers have been installed and hand sanitizers installed in the kitchens.

Electricity usage at Town Park

The freezers in the Lions building have also been turned off.

Update on Recreation Department - Dennis Michaelis

Michaelis reported the soccer season will open on Saturday, Sept. 19th. He needs a coach for the U7 team.

Werner made motion to adjourn, Hettwer seconded, motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Whitmore, WCMC
Park Board Secretary