

**TOWN OF GENESEE
PARK BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2019**

Chairman Hill called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Present were Park Board members Scott Hettwer, Vaughn Werner, Jim Gibson, Denis Michaelis and Charlie Gresser. MaryJo Meier was absent. Also present were Rebekah Leto, Senior Land Use Specialist, Waukesha County, DPW Superintendent Will Gibson, Town Board Supervisor Jim Morris and Park Board Secretary Barb Whitmore.

Discussion/Action – Update information on the Outdoor Recreation Plan – Rebekah Leto, Senior Land Use Specialist, Waukesha County

Discussion of information that will be listed for the park's in the Outdoor Recreation Plan.

Town Park-

Some items listed will be the ADA-accessible playground with the zip-line, baseball diamonds, shelter and picnic area, soccer fields, the volley ball and tennis courts.

Sunset Park –

Connection to Glacial Drumlin State Trail, shelter and picnic area, baseball and soccer fields, volleyball court and ADA-accessible playground. Discussion on the possible uses of the park land north of the bike trail that is currently undeveloped.

Discussion of the maps presented of each park; Ms. Leto explained the maps are not to scale but a start.

Town Park

The following items were brought up and it was felt should be added to the map – Batting tunnel, baseball practice field behind the softball diamond to the north, add the building next to the large pavilion, remove restrooms from the Lion's shelter and add to the main shelter, there is now a sidewalk to the zip line and playground. The soccer fields on the east end of the park should be changed to run east-west and only one (1) field not two (2), There is also a soccer field west of the driveway entrance to the park.

Sunset Park

The DPW salt shed should be on the south side of the rail road tracks and there is another park building just south of the volley ball courts, and the open space on the north side of the bike trail should be listed as park land.

The Board next looked at the maps that show the drive times of 5 or 10 minutes from areas in the town to reach either Town or Sunset Park, discussion.

Ms. Leto also included a list of State, County and local recreation facilities near the town, both public parks and natural areas, discussion.

Lastly there was a review and discussion of the survey that will be sent. Each page/question was reviewed or talked about and why they were on the survey. There will be a separate flyer in the tax bills asking residents to go to the website link to take the survey. Park Board members would also like the link listed on the town's web page. The survey will be online until January 30th.

Ms. Leto will be updating information with what was gathered tonight and send that to the town and asked that information be forwarded to the Park Board members for review. If anyone has any questions or concerns with that information to contact her. She will on leave starting in February.

Discussion/Action- Park Minutes of October 15, 2019

Michaelis made motion to approve the minutes of 10-15-19, Werner seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Monthly report from DPW Superintendent Will Gibson

Gibson went over his report –

- Sent photo's around the table to see where the new trees were planted at Town Park.
- The electric locks on the restroom doors were used the last week the parks were open and there were no issues.
- The DPW department will work on putting plywood over the ceilings and lowering the lights in the pavilions at both parks.
- Look into and possibly replace the hot water heater at Town Park
- In the spring they will put the diggers out, he feels we should put three (3) at Town Park and one (1) at Sunset, four would be pretty tight at Town.
- They will do general maintenance if possible – fix the sandbox at Sunset Park and start placing the mix on the 2 wettest fields at Sunset this spring.
- If the soccer field will be ready this spring, Will Gibson wondered if another of the fields should be rested next year, discussion.
- He is waiting to hear when the work can start at the Nature Center.
- Current plans for park employees are to have two (2) lead works for the parks next year, Bill at Town Park, the Town Hall and Nature Center. Phil would be the lead at Sunset Park. They will also hire two (2) full time seasonal works and 2 part-time seasonal with funds possible for a third.
- Bill and Phil have until December 30th to let the Town know if they will work next summer.

Update on Recreation Department- Dennis Michaelis

Michaelis reported all previous coaches have been notified that there will be no baseball games at Genesee Parks until April 15th. Discussion. The Park Board members agreed that there will be no exceptions, no games will be played until April 15th.

Correspondence

Whitmore reminded everyone that there is no meeting in December.

Adjourn

Werner made motion to adjourn, Gibson seconded, motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Whitmore, WCMC
Park Board Secretary