

**TOWN OF GENESEE
PARK BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 2020**

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

Discussion of Outdoor Recreation Plan

Discussion of the Draft Goals from 9-15-20 Park Board Meeting from Waukesha County Parks and Land Use.

After lengthy discussions, the following were item's the Park Board felt they should look into but first wanted the Town Board to review and let the Park Board know if the Town Board felt the town may be interested in pursuing -

1. Discussing a beer garden at Town Park
 - a. Vendors
 - b. Food Trucks
 - c. Entertainment
2. Extending the hours at Sunset Park for winter access to the bike trail
 - a. Bathrooms would remain closed
 - b. Received grant because we have an access to the trail
 - c. Town would plow to the drive way and trail parking lot
Plowing could be done when the DPW has the time, does not need to be done immediately
3. Allowing dogs in the Nature Center after the area is redone
 - a. Allow dogs in the Nature Center only, not the parks
 - b. Signs to follow paths
 - c. Signs with species of plants (county could identify)
 - d. No fencing
 - e. Question if the center was donated for a nature park only, not a doggie park

There was also discussion of a pickle ball court and small shelters in the playground area. Werner will have costs for installing a court at the next Park Board meeting. It was felt only one court should be installed to start with to see how it is received before they would do more. Gresser stated he would help getting the costs.

Whitmore reminded the Park Board this was the last meeting until April next year, discussion why the Park Board would not meet in March prior to the parks opening.

Discussion/Action- Park Board Minutes of September 15, 2020

Michaelis made motion to approve the minutes of September 15th, Werner seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Report on Parks - DPW Superintendent Will Gibson

Update on Nature Center Invasive Species Removal

Will Gibson reported they have removed the vegetation in the front area of the Nature Center, they will add a berm across the front that can be mowed on both sides after completed. They are working on a bid to cut the rest. Discussion on future care with a yearly burn cutting every 3 years, also possibly enlarging the parking lot area.

Will Gibson reported they have new dumpster pads ready and waiting for concrete, the dumpsters will be moved from the back of the park to the front by the park and DPW buildings where they can be watched.

The bleacher pads are ready and will be poured in the spring. The fields at Sunset are waiting for Bill Majors and the weather so they can be crowded, field 1 will have new material placed. The Sunset soccer fields were rolled and reseeded. They are getting ready for the closing of the parks. Several of the old freezers are being removed from the Lions Club building.

Update on Recreation Department - Dennis Michaelis

Michaelis reported they had two covid positives on soccer teams, they were given direction on what to do. Everyone involved was notified.

Correspondence

None.

Werner made motion to adjourn, Jim Gibson seconded, motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Whitmore, WCMC
Park Board Secretary