

**TOWN OF GENESEE  
PARK BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2021**

Park Board Chairman Ron Hill called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Present were Park Board members Dennis Michaelis, Scott Hettwer, Jana Heinzlmann, Jim Gibson and Kevin Mickelberg. Absent was Charlie Gresser. Also present were Town Board member Buck Houston, DPW Superintendent Will Gibson and Park Board Secretary Barb Whitmore.

**Discussion/action – Approval of Park Board minutes of September 21, 2021**

Michaelis made motion to approve the minutes of September 21, 2021, Jim Gibson seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**Introduction of new Park Board member, Kevin Mickelberg**

Kevin was introduced to the Park Board and gave a brief history of his past work. He is happy to be working in the town's park system and now on the Park Board.

**Report on Parks – DPW Superintendent Will Gibson**

9/10/21

Aug and September 2021 Parks report

1. Gate at sunset park is installed and working

The Knox box has been installed, the keys were all sent to the sheriff department, they are working on getting keys for the fire department.

2. Mowing

3. Soccer

4. Put in new U12 field at sunset park. Had some damage to field due to car or cars doing spin outs.

The U-12 soccer field was damaged, someone had done spin outs on the field, luckily the car had slicks on so the damage was not as bad as it could have been. The tape was forwarded to the sheriff department.

5. Thoughts on soda and water machines at both parks

6. Put up new nature center sign

**Update on zipline / Infield work on hardball diamond at Town Park**

Michaelis said it looked like the work on the baseball diamond was at a standstill. He also wondered who took the caution tape down around the zip line. Will Gibson reported park users took the tape down, not the employees. The part came in today from the business we purchased the zip line from, we are waiting for an appointment for them to do the installation.

Will Gibson also stated we had a call from the immediate neighbor of the Nature Center, wondering how much brushing the town would be doing. If the trees are removed to the property line, their house will be totally open to the Nature Center. Discussion, Will Gibson will contact the neighbor and let them know the town will work with them leaving a buffer between the town land and theirs.

Will Gibson questioned what the board thought about putting in water and soda machines at both parks. The town could buy and maintain them and keep the profits. He is looking for revenue for the parks, discussion. Jim Gibson felt vandalism would be a nightmare. Hill will check and see what type of profit Elm Grove makes on theirs. Hettwer had the name and number of someone who maybe able to help with costs, etc.

Will Gibson also questioned a possible air machine outside the DPW building.

### **Review items for the 2022 Budget**

Rehab park building sunset park phase one \$21,000 siding and walkway

Will Gibson suggested selling concession during the baseball and soccer season. He felt the DPW would work there, also wondered if the Town Board, Bark Board could work there.

Pickle ball court Sunset \$30,000

Will Gibson discussed a possible second zip line and/or small pavilions. He also felt that the testing a pickle ball court at Sunset was really testing people in Waukesha not town residents, like Town Park would. Discussion.

The hardball diamond has been graded and waiting for sod. It was discovered we have grubs, there is dead grass areas in the outfields. Discussion of how and when to treat the soil there.

### **Discussion/action - Baseball pavilion at Sunset Park**

Mickelberg had several questions regarding the new pavilion by the ball diamonds. He wanted to know if it would be rented out when there were no games, discussion. He asked if nets had been explored rather than building a pavilion to protect people watching the games. Hill stated the nets are expensive to maintain, the town does not have the equipment to put up and take down. A water source was also discussed.

### **Discussion/action – Changing start time of Park Board meeting from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month.**

Will Gibson suggested the Park Board start a new start time of 6:00 p.m. in 2022 as there is only one meeting left this year. Discussion. Hettwer made motion that in calendar year 2022 they change the start time for the Park Board meetings from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. until the meeting adjourns. Jim Gibson seconded, motion carried unanimously.

### **Review items for the 2022 budget**

These items were reviewed under the DPW Superintendent report

### **Update on Recreation Department – Dennis Michaelis**

Michaelis reported the soccer season is off to a good start. There is a problem with uniforms, the shirts have been ordered for some time but there is a shortage of them. All teams are having the same problem.

### **Correspondence**

Mickelberg asked for a copy of the mission statement. The Outdoor Recreation Plan has the mission statement in it, a complete copy of the plan will be given to him.

Whitmore stated Meri Majeskie has asked for a blurb on the Nature Center be put together by the Park Board for the web site, discussion.

Jim Gibson made motion to adjourn, Heinzelmann seconded, motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Whitmore, WCMC  
Park Board Secretary