

VILLAGE OF PLOVER
PARKS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
September 5th, 2023
5:00 PM

Members Present: Steve Fritz (Chair), Kraig Brooks, Mike Helmrick, Sara Luchini, and Adam Raabe

Members Unexcused: Larry Schweitz, Darcy Grabski

Others Present: Gary Wolf, Steve Kunst, Julia Mann, Adam DeKleyn, Dominique Swangstu, Roy Hopfensperger, and Scott Klemm

1. Call to order

Steve Fritz (Chair) called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Approval of the minutes of the Parks Development Committee meeting of August 16th, 2023 as printed

Mr. Raabe made a motion and Ms. Luchini seconded the approval of the minutes of the Parks Development Committee meeting of August 16th, 2023. Motion carried.

3. Persons withing to address the Committee

There were no persons wishing to address the Committee. Mr. Fritz introduces a new staff member, Tracy Karnitz, to the Committee.

Discussion with possible action on the following:

4. Site Plan Review: Proposed (Woyak) Park Improvements – Boys and Girls Club Outdoor Classroom/Garden

- a. "Wisconsin Garden Builds with McCain Foods".

Mr. Swangstu briefly reviewed the request for the proposed Woyak Park improvements – Boys and Girls Club Outdoor Classroom/Garden, identified the recommended conditions, and asked the committee if they had any questions or concerns.

Mr. Brooks inquires if the proposed Outdoor Classroom/Garden impedes Youth Baseball plans for garbage pickup relocation. Mr. Swangstu assures the proposed Site Plan does not affect the proposed relocation. Mr. Helmrick inquires about the preference between the proposed Options 5 and 6. Mr. Gebhardt of the Boys & Girls Club states the preference now is Option 6 as there are existing oak trees that would be taken down by the Village for optimal gardening at the site. Mr. Hopfensperger confirms the oak trees in question are at the end of their life cycle and do need to come down. Mr. Hopfensperger confirms the Public Works Department prefers Option 6 of the plan as well. Mr. Fritz inquires on the nature of the sunscreen material as noted in the Site

Plan Review. Mr. Gebhardt states it is a nylon mesh shade sail that will be taken down during the winter months. Mr. Friz inquires if the garden beds are wheelchair accessible. Mr. Gebhardt confirms the material for garden beds will consist of crushed limestone/granite to allow wheelchair accessibility.

Mr. Helmrick made a motion and Mr. Raabe seconded the approval of the proposed Woyak Park Improvements – Boys and Girls Club Outdoor Classroom/Garden as presented, with the recommended conditions provided by staff. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Such other business as is authorized by law

Mr. Swangstu provided an update to the committee regarding the plan to review the full Comprehensive Parks Plan at the next Parks Development Committee including an open house to take place 30 minutes prior to the meeting for the public. Plans to conduct a joint Parks Development Committee and Public Works Committee meeting to review the final draft and submit to the Village Board for approval. Mr. Swangstu indicated a press release will be made to include information regarding the open house and the Comprehensive Parks Plan draft.

Discussion ensued regarding correspondence from residents of the Village and how these should be presented to the Chair. Mr. Fritz confirms that urgent matters should be sent directly to the Chair, however, comments and recommendations from residents can be brought forth to the committee for review and/or possible action.

Mr. Fritz inquires about the damaged plaques at Pacawa Park as part of indirect vandalism resulting from individuals climbing the wall and wonders if there is a way to prevent this type of activity from happening in the future. Mr. Swangstu indicates the plaques are being replaced while working with the sign company on ideas to deter in the future. Mr. Hopfensperger notes vandalism in the Village parks is unfortunate, however, minimal. Most vandalism that occurs is a result of inappropriate use of park facilities as opposed to direct vandalism.

6. Adjournment subject to call of the chair

Mr. Raabe made a motion, seconded by Mr. Helmrick to adjourn the meeting, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 5:13pm.

Minutes submitted by: Tracy Karnitz