

MINUTES

PARKS, RECREATION AND FORESTRY COMMISSION

June 11, 2019, 5:30 PM, Lukken Farm, 9543 County Highway S, Mount Horeb, WI

PRESENT: Fendrick, Jackson, Webber, Shay, Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: Dudley, Gorman, Owen – Village of Mount Horeb. Slavney – Village Planner, Vandewalle & Associates.

Fendrick called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm.

View and consider recommendation of parkland dedication, fee-in-lieu-of-parkland, or a combination of both for proposed subdivision.

Slavney discussed that in order to meet the Village's current and future parkland needs, additional playing fields would be needed. Flatter property is more desirable for playing fields as a substantial amount of land may be lost when trying to grade land. The property proposed for the Harvest Ridge subdivision includes proposed park N7 in the Village's Comprehensive Plan.

Chad Wuebben of Cottage Grove Investments indicated that the development group is flexible on whether to dedicate property for parkland, or to pay fees in lieu of parkland to maintain the existing parks in the village. He also stated that grading is very expensive and in his opinion, 2.5 acres is about all the flat park land that can be achieved through grading on this property.

Dudley and Gorman stated that the Village is in need of more fields for the various sporting activities hosted by the Recreation Department as well as by the various clubs that utilize the Village's fields.

Jim Almquist of the Mount Horeb Soccer Club spoke in favor of additional fields. The soccer club needs additional fields for its 12U program.

Johnna Buysse indicated that as the mother of a baseball and soccer player, she feels there is a shortage of parkland in the Village. She also opined that Waltz Park is not large enough for the residential area that it currently serves.

Destinee Udelhoven inquired if there were any other options for flatter land in the Village. Slavney responded that there are very limited amounts of flatter land still available within the Village limits.

Webber moved, Jackson seconded to recommend the maximum amount of parkland dedication and flattest property possible within the plat for the development of the Harvest Ridge subdivision. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Webber moved, Shay seconded to adjourn at 5:58 pm.

Minutes prepared by Jason Fendrick, Chair and Jeff Gorman, Public Services Director