

MINUTES

PARKS, RECREATION AND FORESTRY COMMISSION

September 11, 2019, 5:30 PM, Municipal Building Board Room

PRESENT: Fendrick, Webber, Shay

ABSENT: Jackson, Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: Dudley, Gorman, Hagen, Owen – Village of Mount Horeb.

Fendrick called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Consider minutes of the July 23, 2019 meeting.

Webber moved, Shay seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Consider storage shed at Himsel Park for the community garden

Carolyn White from the Mt Horeb Area Community Garden Group presented a proposal to have a storage shed placed at Himsel Park next to the community garden at the far east end of Himsel Park. The garden group would like to store large tools and gardening supplies in the shed. The maximum size of the shed would be 12'x12' and would be placed on a gravel and paver pad. White said the group already has funding for the shed. Webber moved to allow the shed as long as Village staff approves the location and the group signs an insurance waiver from the Village. Shay seconded. Motion carried.

Consider installing water service into the community garden

The garden group would like approval to install underground water lines and hose bibs in the community garden to reduce the amount of garden hoses to be used for watering and to reduce competition from gardeners wanting to water at the same time. White said she wants to keep the gardeners happy. Many are bringing their own water from home. The one proposal the group has received so far is approximately \$5,000. The garden group does not have the funds at this time but intends to look into some grants to help fund the project. Webber moved; Shay seconded to allow the garden group to install the irrigation system once they have the funding. Motion carried.

Consider cost of restrooms at Veteran's Memorial

Village Administrator Owen reviewed the proposed costs of three options for pre-cast restrooms at the future Veteran's memorial. In addition to the restrooms, there would be costs of approximately \$20,000 to bring utilities into the area and also the expense to install a concrete pad for the building. The veterans group would like the Village to pay to install the restrooms and maintain them. Fendrick questioned how many months out of a year the restrooms would be open and the need to have restrooms there. The Commission members questioned the demand for the restrooms and the expense for installing and maintaining them. The consensus of the Commission was to not install restrooms at this time.

Consider recommendation of parkland dedication, fee-in-lieu-of parkland, or a combination of both for proposed Sienna Hills subdivision

Hagen reviewed the preliminary plat for Sienna Hills which includes 14 single family homes, 8 twin homes and 1 duplex in Phase 1. Park fees for phase 1 would be \$49,984. Hagen noted

that there really is not land available for parkland dedication in Phase 1. Webber moved, Shay seconded to accept the park fees-in-lieu-of parkland. Motion carried.

Recreation Director's Report

Dudley reviewed her written report

Public Services Director's Report

Gorman reviewed his written report and the scoreboard agreement for Sunrise Park.

Consider items for future agendas

Fendrick stated that Ryan Smith would like the Commission to consider the future of Himsel Park and the community garden if and when the park expands with future residential development. Smith wants to make sure it is addressed in the next CORP.

Set next meeting date and time

The next meeting was set for October 22, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

Adjourn

Webber moved, Shay seconded to adjourn at 6:25 pm.

Minutes prepared by Jeff Gorman, Public Services Director