

MINUTES

PARKS, RECREATION AND FORESTRY COMMISSION

April 27, 2021, 5:30 PM, Virtual Meeting Due to COVID-19

PRESENT: Halverson, Fendrick, Monroe, Smith

ABSENT: Webber

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

Halverson called the virtual meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Consider minutes of the March 23, 2021 meeting.

Smith moved, Fendrick seconded to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2021 meeting.
Motion carried.

Consider request from the Mount Horeb Youth Baseball Association to install a batting cage at Sunrise Park

Gorman gave some background on the request and said the total estimated cost of the project is approximately \$10,000. Greg Kellesvig from the youth baseball association was present to request the batting cage to give baseball and softball players and the community a safe place to practice. One of the player's father is a concrete contractor and is willing to donate the labor to install the concrete pad and some of the concrete for the project. Gorman stated that there is money available for the project in the park development fund. Monroe said it is a great idea and long overdue. Smith and Fendrick agreed.
Fendrick moved, Monroe seconded for the Village to pay up to 50% of the project.
Motion carried.

Consider park fee policy for affordable housing

Owen stated the Village Board voted down a proposal to waive park impact fees for the Gorman housing project last month. He surveyed Dane County communities about adjusting park impact fees for affordable housing and out of the nine that responded, six do not alter fees, two have the ability to waive with approval from Board and Plan Commission and one is considering a 50% reduction.
Fendrick feels that affordable housing is a goal that the Village should work toward and this is not exclusive to just the Parks, Rec and Forestry Commission. Discussion continued with the overall agreement that the members would like to know more information before moving forward.

Consider increasing Park Impact Fees as recommended in the 2020 CORP

Owen, Gorman and Fendrick explained the fees and Vandewalle's reasoning in the CORP for increasing the fees. Owen said the fees need to be established with a resolution. Monroe moved, Smith seconded to approve Resolution 2021-05 setting park impact fees as recommended in the 2020 CORP. Motion carried.

Recreation Director's Report

Dudley reviewed her report. She also added that the sport of pickleball has exploded and there is demand for designated pickleball courts.

Public Services Director's Report

Gorman reviewed his report.

Consider items for future agendas

Park fees for affordable housing
Himsel park water service

Set next meeting date and time

The next meeting was set for May 25, 2021 at 5:30 pm.

Adjourn

Smith moved, Fendrick seconded to adjourn at 6:20 pm.

Minutes prepared by Jeff Gorman, Public Services Director