

**VILLAGE OF PLEASANT PRAIRIE
PARK COMMISSION
Village Hall Auditorium
9915 39th Avenue
Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin 53158
April 2, 2014
6:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Pleasant Prairie Park Commission was held on Wednesday, April 2, 2014, 6:00 p.m. Present were Michealene Day, Clyde Allen, William Mills, Troy Holm, Cindy Schwab (Alternate #1), Jim Bandura and Steve Kundert. Rita Christiansen and Glenn Christiansen were excused. Also present were Michael Pollocoff, Village Administrator; Tom Shircel, Assistant Village Administrator; Kevin Meyers, Parks Foreman, and Ruth Mack-Stoner, Executive Secretary. One citizen was present.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. MINUTES OF MEETINGS**

Michealene Day:

In your packet you had the minutes for last August and October. Hard to believe those were the last time that we actually met. But other than one correction that we need to change in the August meeting, Tom Shircel was present and the meeting showed that he was not. So if there are no other corrections or questions at all or additions to the minutes may I have an approval to accept August and October's meetings with the one correction?

Troy Holm moved to approve the Park Commission Meeting minutes of the August and October 2013 meetings presented in their written form: Seconded by Jim Bandura. Motion carried 7-0.

- 4. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Michealene Day:

Hello there.

Carolyn Henry:

Hello.

Michealene Day:

Would you like to come up and make some comments? Okay, we do ask that you speak into the mic so we can get it, and then we do need your name and your address please.

Carolyn Henry:

I'm Carolyn Henry, 7801 88th Avenue, Westwood Valley Estates, Number 267. I just have a few piddly little questions. Could the County Board meetings please be put on Channel 25 soon, someday? I called Ryan Marquart about it and apparently there's new technology so it isn't the way it used to be done. Does anybody else watch them except me?

Michealene Day:

We are the Parks Commission so we really don't have anything --

Carolyn Henry:

I know, but I can't go to all the meetings.

Michealene Day:

Well, there you go, we could ask again.

Carolyn Henry:

Please.

Michealene Day:

I understand. It would be very nice if it was broadcast.

Carolyn Henry:

Sure. The dog park, the new one, why do non-resident Pleasant Prairie people have to pay more than twice as much to enjoy the dog park for their dog? It's \$2 and \$5 for outsiders. So why is it that much? Is it easier to put a five dollar bill in the slot or wherever than four singles? Or, is there a reasoning process for that amount? I was just curious.

Mike Pollocoff:

Yeah, when we put the budget together for the dog park the intent was is that we know we can't pay for the entire cost of maintenance through the fees that we charge there. So the Village taxpayers have to pay for the difference. And so the logic that was recommended to the Board and they accepted is that the Village -- people who are paying property taxes to support the dog park shouldn't have to pay as much as somebody who isn't paying property taxes for the dog park.

Carolyn Henry:

Okay. The new park trail that was dedicated last fall in the Lake Andrea area, what's that called, Prairie Trail?

Mike Pollocoff:

Prairie Farm Trail.

Carolyn Henry:

Prairie Farm. What kind of road is that? Is it asphalt or limestone? I haven't been on it yet.

Mike Pollocoff:

That's a limestone. At some point we might pave it, but we really haven't decided. More than likely we're probably going to try and leave it as limestone for as long as we can.

Carolyn Henry:

Is there any flooding near it?

Mike Pollocoff:

There's flooding that's close to it. It's outside the 100-year floodplain. So if there was a storm that exceeded the 100-year storm we could have some flooding on it. By and large it should be okay.

Carolyn Henry:

Fine, just little questions, thank you.

Michealene Day:

You're very welcome. I'd like to make a comment. I appreciate you coming. I know it's far easier just to make a phone call, so we do appreciate your attendance to all the meetings that you do come, and we do appreciate your questions. Sometimes we need to ask administration what the answers are so thank you for coming.

5. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Mike Pollocoff:

Kevin is going to do that.

Kevin Meyers:

I'm stepping in for John Steinbrink, Jr. We don't have anything right now.

Michealene Day:

Okay, thank you.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) Approve Relocation of Archery Range in Prairie Springs Park.

Michealene Day:

In your packets in front of you there is where the proposed relocation would be. The reason that we're moving this is because of parking, correct? And we wanted to pick a spot that would be conducive for the archery range. And we seem to be getting a great deal of people who are interested in it. And I believe staff has found a spot as proposed shown here on the site of where we would like to put this new archery range. Is there any questions at all concerning where the proposed relocation would be?

Troy Holm:

Are there alternate locations thought of that we can see on this?

Kevin Meyers:

We had some but we never mapped them out. Probably the reason was is some of them were where we'd have to take trees and/or it was too low of an area that it would flood.

Steven Kundert:

Where would the parking be on the proposed site?

Kevin Meyers:

If you look just to kind of over towards the beach there's a windsurfing, there's a little parking lot over there for windsurfers which would probably hold about six.

Steven Kundert:

Which is usually filled up pretty well during nice weather.

Kevin Meyers:

Generally for the archery range we don't get, you know, like five, six cars at a time. It's usually like one car and it's usually like lunch hour. Usually starting like late July, August that's when we get the most people that come in to start shooting.

Troy Holm:

Can you legally park on the street there, too?

Kevin Meyers:

Yes. The ball fields on the north side which is just a few hundred feet away from where the proposed archery range is.

Michealene Day:

Any other questions?

William Mills:

How much use does that archery range get? I don't think I've ever seen anybody over at the archery range is why I ask the question.

Kevin Meyers:

Well, word is now cars park there and you really don't notice it where it sits. I would say on average, I'm just guessing, during the day maybe you might see 50 to 100 people periodically throughout that time period. Every once in a while you get archers during summer months coming in with their kids. But you don't see like five, six people out there at a time.

Michealene Day:

Mike, this was originally done as a Scouting project, wasn't it?

Mike Pollocoff:

Right. And with the Scouting projects once they do that project for us and we accept it then we maintain it going forward. It's one of those even they're shooting something it's still a pretty passive form of recreation. The summer camps, the RecPlex uses it in the summer. They have archery camps and programs where they've done it. And we have had, strange as it may be, we've actually had some arrows get away from us over there. We had one puncture a roof over at Fair Oaks Farms.

Michealene Day:

Really?

Mike Pollocoff:

Yeah, we ended up paying for some damages over there. We've had a claim that we hit a train.

Michealene Day:

Hit the train.

Mike Pollocoff:

Whatever the name, the Amtrak, I forget what they call it.

Michealene Day:

No way.

Mike Pollocoff:

And it is pretty secluded. But since parking is just a non-stop issue out there and we received that grant for the park and ride we definitely don't want to have a parking lot there. So this spot when the staff looked at it it's pretty remote away from -- you can actually set it up so you're shooting down, you're not shooting up. And the other sites we looked at we have some other land, but probably one of the better sites was over at -- one of the sites we were looking at was right back over in here. But getting there you've got to get on the trail and it's quite a hike which would preclude disabled people or families to get over there. Outside of that we would have to go offsite to one of our other

more remote land holdings in the Village where we don't have services.

Michealene Day:

Correct, and it's not a potential site for another softball field so not having to move this again or do anything with it.

Steven Kundert:

There's no risk for users of the Prairie Farms Trail at this location, is there?

Mike Pollocoff:

No, that was one of the things we looked at to manage that. And I don't know what the distance is, but I know John has gone over there and taken a look at that. Unless somebody is really looking to -- if they know somebody on that trail they don't like, and they're going to have to be a good shot at it, too.

Steven Kundert:

And then with the proposed soccer fields going in right next door there's going to be enough of a barrier between the shooting area and -- it looks like the smallest of the three soccer fields will be the closest to the archery range?

Mike Pollocoff:

Right. And if we have soccer programs going on there we'll shut the range. There are going to be times when we're not going to allow competing programs in that area. It seems to me the time I've seen that the busiest barring when we have kids over there is getting close to hunting season and the guys are sighting their bows and getting ready to go. But it was a really nice project that the Scouts did for us. It's been nice to have. It's easy to maintain. And when we move over there it's going to be easy to move and replace it. We're becoming a victim of our own success in some [inaudible].

Michealene Day:

Yeah, that's a nice thing, though, to be. Any other questions? If not, can I have a motion to accept the new proposed site for the archery range?

Steven Kundert moved to approve relocation of the archery range in Prairie Springs Park. Seconded by Clyde Allen. Motion carried 7-0.

7. PARK COMMISSION COMMENTS

8. ADJOURNMENT

Troy Holm moved to adjourn the meeting: Seconded by William Mills. Motion carried 7-0.