

## Parks and Rec Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, December 12, 2022  
Call to Order at 6:00pm by Chairperson Sutton

Roll Call by Vicki Scott:  
Present: Klaas, Muoio, Pomilia, Sutton  
Absent: Dickenson, Fisher  
Others Present Cynthia Cutright, L. Adams, K. DeCoster

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

MOTION by Muoio, seconded by Klaas, to approve the agenda as amended removing item #2 under new business  
All Ayes  
Motion Carried

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

MOTION by Klass, seconded by Pomilia, to approve the November 14, 2022 minutes as presented.  
All Ayes  
Motion Carried

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Parks & Rec 5 yr. DNR Plan** – Plan is still open to public comment, ends December 18, 2022. Sutton explained she spoke to McKenna and they requested changes, they would like those by Friday (December 16, 2022) to complete draft. Discussion that Monday, December 19, 2022 a public hearing will be held in regard to Parks and Rec 5-year plan. Chair acknowledges the bluff in MHP is not included, discussion to follow. Muoio requested ship viewing area be included in plan.  
MOTION by Klaas, seconded by Pomilia to send the draft parks and rec plan to council with the addition of the ship viewing station for approval.  
Ayes: Klaas, Pomilia, Muoio, and Sutton.  
Nays: None
- Memorial Page Donation on Webpage** – Klaas explained research on other community's webpages. Suggestion in regard to making a page on Village website to include an application for the parks and rec committee. Discussion followed. Klaas will have a draft available next meeting.
- Tierney Park Lighting Project-** Sutton explained project is done. Sutton asked for a procedure to be put in place for future projects when projects are done on a volunteer basis. Muoio asked whether the project had changed after approval by council. Sutton explained yes it had changed an additional fixture was needed. Muoio asked if the change had been approved. Sutton explained the volunteer asked the Village manager for approval.

Sutton noted the volunteer has not been paid for the supplies. Sutton explained several invoices were submitted. The Village did not pay these invoices, they explained a detailed paid invoice for supplies was needed for reimbursement. Sutton explained at this point, the labor and supplies are just donated. Muoio said it needs to go to council and Sutton responded, "He already donated it." Committee would like to ask Council to have a policy in place, so in the future volunteers do not have to go through this. Committee members aren't comfortable with this situation. Klaas to write a letter thanking the lighting project volunteer.

#### 4. **Lester Street Project – Site Development**

Sutton explains projects for Lester-

- Tile it
- Parking lot
- Pickle ball courts
- Tennis court resurfacing- Ziegler from planning was checking into pricing.
- Multi-Use fields- would need 5-year plan in place first to look into grants.
- Bathrooms- discussion on feasibility
- Playground Equipment (local option)
- Lester may provide a summer recreation for local youth option once projects are done
- Discussion about park ranger (Tierney) talk to Chief Sheldon.
- Walking path- discussion
- Senior Workout Stations
- Baseball/softball discussion
- Discussion about leagues for various activities
- Disc golf- discussion to follow
- Dog Park
- Splash Pad discussion followed

Discussion followed if the committee is able to get funding this list is where they would like to put their focus.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### 1. **McKenna Invoices –**

MOTION by Klaas, seconded by Muoio to approve the outstanding invoice from 10-18-22 of \$760.00 to McKenna

Roll call:

Ayes: Klaas, Muoio, Pomilia, and Sutton

Nays: None

Motion carried

MOTION by Klaas, seconded by Pomilia to approve the outstanding invoice from 11-16-22 of \$3515 to McKenna.

Discussion

Roll call:

Ayes: Klaas, Pomilia, Muoio, and Sutton

Nays: None

Motion carried

2. **Spark Grant** – Cutright explains her background and her position with the City of Port Huron. Cutright explains the uniqueness of the grant, that the 5-year plan does not have to be in place nor are matching grants needed. There are going to be three rounds of opportunity and a municipality can be granted multiple grants for different projects. Cutright explains that she is happy to help the committee explore these opportunities. Cutright explains that she is currently working on a grant for the bandshell and bathrooms to make them more ADA compliant. Discussion followed on why the Parks & Rec Board was not involved in this. The grant application is for .5 million dollars.
3. **Tierney Park Project** – Cutright discusses the harbor front project is focusing on making Tierney a flagship park. The project will address the outdated play equipment, considered a splash pad (maybe committee might want this at Lester), greenspace, park pavilion, and restrooms. Make the park more ADA accessible overall. The bandshell and bathrooms are the number one target for the spark grant. Cutright expresses that it is important to her that there is good communication between the committee and her office.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Kathy DeCoster (5203 Main St.) - commented she put in a request to be the other councilperson on member on parks and rec if (Kaatz) allows it. Recalls that Kaatz had a person in mind to volunteer for tiling at Lester. There have been others talking about straightening the property line behind the theater. Village needs to reclaim that area. I don't understand why if the council approved \$2700 it wasn't paid. It is very confusing to me.
- Larry Adams (7311 Lake St.) – commented on page 50 of the recreational packet it circles the North Shores Park and the park across the street you might want to make sure that it doesn't look like it is including that. Parking behind the theater, they know it is not all theirs. Communication, Cynthia kind of addressed that already and seems to be on board with it, everyone needs to be doing a better job of it, committee and council-wise. Asked if the plan is an interactive document so people can look at it quickly.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION by Pomilia, seconded by Muoio, to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm.

All Ayes

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,  
Vicki Scott  
December 12, 2022