

## **Park Board Meeting**

December 2, 2009 P.M.

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chair Person Jon Blanchard.

### **2. Roll Call**

Present: Jon Blanchard, Jennifer Skibba, Jon Lourigan, Rich Strohmenger, and Dan Olson

Absent: Ron Novinska and Chad Winklepleck

Also Present: Assistant Public Works Director, Gary Disch

### **3. Approval of Minutes – 11/4/09**

Strohmenger moved to approve the November 4, 2009 minutes. Second by Lourigan. Motion Carried.

### **4. Public Appearances**

- a) Discussion of Identifying an Additional Softball Diamond Instead of Using Rome Corners Intermediate School's Diamond (School District Request)
  - Andy Weiland was present representing the School District.
  - The Village meets with the School District quarterly and the need for another place for Softball to play other than Rome Corners was brought up because of neighborhood complaints.
  - Softball could use it some of the time.
  - There will be an additional field at the Middle School. (2 skinned & 1 grass infield)
  - This may be started this year depending on the weather.
  - Next month the organizations come to the Park Board Meeting to plan the usage of the fields for the upcoming year.
  - Andy Weiland offered the use of the reservation system. The school district currently uses this web based system for reserving fields, gyms, ect. . .
  - A process would need to be figured out to make this work.
  - The School District emphasized that they want to be partners and realize the Park Board is trying to find other locations.
  - The Park Board stated that they are aware of the shortage of fields.
  - Keller Alpine Meadows will be getting developed.
- b) Discussion of Anderson County Park with Laura Guyer from Dane County
  - The Anderson Property outlined in yellow is the park land.
  - The yellow area is 126 acres. About 25 acres of that are woodlands.
  - There is an option to purchase the areas outlines in turquoise.
  - Nothing will be purchased in purple.
  - The land is leased to a farmer for the next few years.
  - Boy Scouts currently use the wooded area.
  - A snowmobile trail goes through the land.

- In 2010 the planning process will be initiated.
  - The county has been approached by organizations about having bigger fields, not pick up games.
  - A public meeting will happen in March or April in 2010 about the park.
  - Laura Guyer offered to meet with the Park Board again and let us know what is going on in the planning process.
  - We can submit formal correspondence about what the Park Board would like to see on the Anderson property.
  - A preliminary analysis will help guide the planning of the park.
  - When the inventory and analysis are completed a list will be drafted of opportunities and constraints.
  - Question from Park Board– Where there any conditions attached to the property? Answer from Laura Guyer– No
  - Two accounts were established – A traditional endowment and a spend down account which can be spent on planning and developing. This will be done with the Anderson Family.
  - The Dane County Park Commission needs to sign off on design.
  - Baseball fields are a possibility but no sure answer at this point.
- c) Discussion and Possible Recommendation to Village Board re: Development of Bergamont Park and results of survey – basketball courts, soccer, shelter, baseball fields (including sign)
- Dan Dean was present to give the Park Board an update on the survey for Bergamont Park.
  - Dan Dean will be putting together a survey similar to the survey handed out at Rustic Vineyard Park the second time.
  - The survey will be completed in the next two weeks.
  - The field would be Little League size.
  - The goal is to start construction this spring.
  - The infield mix would have a dust inhibitor.
  - A meeting would be planned at the park to explain the plan to the neighbors.
  - The Alpine and Bergamont neighborhoods would be notified and get a survey.
  - The goal is to have a 4 or 5 month window between the survey and the construction beginning.
  - The surveys would be sent out and the surveys that are not returned would receive a second survey which would be handed out personally door to door.
  - Dan Dean also wanted to thank the Oregon School District for making improvements to the fields and adding a field at Oregon Middle School.
  - Having a Little League field would be helpful for the boys. Currently Oregon does not have a field designed for Little League with a raised pitching mow. This makes it difficult for children to transition during tournaments unless they practice somewhere out of Oregon.

- d) Lerner Conservation Park – Oregon Rotary – Possible Recommendation to Village Board re: Eagle Scout Projects – None

## 5. Communication and Miscellaneous Business

- a) Discussion of Email from DNR re: Plains Gartersnake Study Survey (FYI)
- b) Discussion and Possible Action re: Mounting Plan for Benches in Westside Community Park
- Cost for cement would be about \$300.00
  - The benches will be ordered to be buried directly into the ground.
  - The benched will have a green frame and cedar composite colored seat.
  - The benches are 6 feet long
- c) Continued Discussion and Possible Recommendation to the Village Board regarding Possible Revised Grass Mowing Schedule in 2010
- One seasonal helper will be hired next summer.
  - **Olson moved to continue mowing all parks as a first priority and mowing water ways and detention areas as time allows. Second by Strohmeinger. Motion Carried.**
- d) Begin Discussion on Status of Dega Park
- The equipment could be taken out of the area and redistributed.
  - The bridge could be relocated.
  - It is important to maintain the Dega name.
  - Dega Park could possibly be relocated to the North West corner of Ash Street and Jefferson Street.
  - Questions – How much equipment would go in this area?
  - Currently there are 2 slides, a digger, a picnic table, and a climbing structure.
  - All Color would paint all the equipment as a donation if the Park Board can find someone to sand blast the equipment.
  - Questions about the bridge – How big is the bridge?
  - It is a floating bridge.
  - It was built in the park.
  - Possible uses would be at Alpine Park or the Bike Path.
- e) Discussion of Possible School Project in Parks – Attached (FYI)

## 6. Unfinished Business - None

## 7. New Business – None

## 8. Report of Public Works/Parks Department

- a) Hay bails cost about \$25.00 a bail
- b) **Lourigan moved to purchase hay bails for Gasner Park Sledding Hill. Second by Olson. Motion carried.**

**9. Items for Future Meetings and Future Assignments**

- a) Ten-Year Capital Improvement Plan for Parks
- b) Ribbon Cutting for Jefferson Street/North Alpine Parkway Bike/Pedestrian Path and Dedication of Keller Alpine Meadows Park in 2009
- c) Discussion of Possibly Establishing Fenced Dog Area
- d) Jim Lease Merri-Hill 4<sup>th</sup> Edition

**10. Adjournment**

**Skibba moved to adjourn the Park Board Meeting at 8:25 p.m. Second by Lourigan. Motion Carried.**

Minutes submitted by Jennifer Skibba