

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 22, 2020

The Parks and Recreation Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Meg Canepa

Members present: Chairperson Meg Canepa, Trustee Lisa Uribe Harbeck, Trustee Tom Krueger, Trustee Jim Miller, Mark Slaminski, and Joanne Wolf

Members Excused: Steve Nauta

Staff/Officials present: Director of Parks and Recreation John Safstrom, Senior Coordinator/Recreation Supervisor Karin Sevener, and Administrative Secretary Charlie Donohue

Others present: Daniel Schlichting and Dan Delorit

MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Miller, seconded by J. Wolf, to approve the December 18, 2019, Parks and Recreation Board meeting minutes as presented.
Motion carried.

PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD

None

BLUEBIRD NESTBOX PROJECT

Director Safstrom introduced Mr. Schlichting to the board and explained he is requesting to be allowed to build and install eight (8) Bluebird nesting boxes in three (3) Village parks. Mr. Schlichting thanked the Board for the opportunity to present his proposal. Mr. Schlichting gave an overview of his proposal and brought an example of a nesting box, along with the tools necessary to install the boxes.

Director Safstrom stated he spoke with Mary Hollebeck from Riveredge Nature Center, who is the Bluebird Nesting Coordinator for Washington-Ozaukee Counties and she confirmed this is a worthwhile project and that Mr. Schlichting appears to have a firm grasp of the task at hand.

Trustee Miller inquired on the life expectancy of the bird boxes. Mr. Schlichting stated approximately ten years.

Trustee Krueger asked if Cheyenne Park is suitable for a nesting box, as it is a smaller park. Mr. Schlichting stated he feels this would be an attractive location, as this park is located next to a farm and open space. Director Safstrom stated Ms. Hollebeck also stated that Bluebirds are attracted to open fields and open spaces.

Trustee Krueger asked if the birds are bothered by human activity. Mr. Schlichting stated the birds are very tolerant of human activity. He further stated they do not seem to consider humans a threat.

Chair Canepa inquired if Diggers Hotline would need to be contacted prior to installation. Director Safstrom stated he will coordinate with Mr. Schlichting on the exact locations in each park, then the Department will contact Diggers Hotline to mark the areas to ensure everyone's safety.

Trustee Krueger inquired when the installation of the nesting boxes would take place. Mr. Schlichting stated he is hoping to begin installation in the month of March.

Trustee Krueger stated the proposal is very well done and thanked Mr. Schlichting for being so detailed. Board members agreed.

Motion by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Harbeck, to allow Daniel and Deborah Schlichting to install eight (8) Bluebird nest boxes in Grafton Lions Park (4), Chair Factory Historical Site (2), and Cheyenne Park (2). Motion carried.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Director Safstrom stated at the previous meeting discussion was held regarding the budget and Capital Improvement Program. In an effort to begin early Capital Improvement Program planning, Director Safstrom has started to compile a list and will continue to work on this list each month with the board. At this time, the list includes a water heater for the Family Aquatic Center bath house, rubber t-pads for the disc golf course at Lime Kiln Park, and Wi-Fi at the Zaun Pavilion.

Trustee Krueger inquired about the water heater at the Family Aquatic Center. He stated it was his understanding that this was already approved at the Village Board level. Director Safstrom stated the pool water heater and filtration system was approved. The water heater in question is for the pool bathhouse.

Discussion was held regarding the cost and life expectancy of a water heater.

Mr. Delorit asked the board if the Veterans Memorial Park renovations were included in the Capital Improvement Program. Director Safstrom stated this was included in 2019 and the project is planned to complete by June 1, 2020.

Discussion was held regarding the list of items included in the Capital Improvement Program.

Director Safstrom stated he will provide a more formal list to the next meeting.

Trustee Miller inquired if this is the time to include items to be upgraded. He stated he would like to see something installed in the empty area at the Family Aquatic Center, where the wading pool used to be. Director Safstrom stated he has a quote for the upgrade to the wading pool.

Trustee Harbeck suggested the new Friends Group could possibly assist with this project.

BENCHMARK MEASUREMENTS

Board members had no comments regarding the Department's benchmarks.

SENIOR REPORT

J. Wolf informed members the deck and railing at the Multipurpose Senior Center is complete and looks very nice.

J. Wolf asked Director Safstrom if there is a reason the pool exercise equipment was not brought over to the High School Pool at the beginning of the season. Director Safstrom stated the equipment was not brought over right away because the Department was not offering an official exercise class. Once the Department was informed a group of participants were holding their own type of exercise class, the equipment was delivered.

Trustee Krueger inquired about the status of the potential Friends Group. Director Safstrom stated he is working with M. Slaminski on preparing a very specific proposal to bring to the next meeting.

ADJOURN

Motion by Trustee Krueger, seconded by J. Wolf, to adjourn at 6:33 p.m.
Motion carried.