



CEDAR LAKE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Cedar Lake Town Hall, 7408 Constitution Avenue

Tuesday, July 26, 2022*, at 6:00 pm

(* Meeting date changed due to lack of a quorum on July 28)

Call To Order:

Mr. Dale Holsti called the Park Board Public Meeting to order at 6:13 pm on Thursday, July 26, 2022, with its members attending on-site. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Roll call:

Members Present: Dale Holsti, President; Sarah Miller, Vice President; Paul Rodriguez; and Greg Marquardt. A quorum was obtained. **Also present:** Collen Schieben, Town Council Liaison; Richard Sharpe, Council Member; Chris Salatas, Town Manager; Jennifer Sandberg, Clerk-Treasurer; Dale Gurgel, Crew Leader; and Margaret Abernathy in lieu of Ashley Abernathy. **Absent:** David Austgen, Town Attorney; and Ashley Abernathy, Recording Secretary.

Presentations:

1. Edgewater Health

Mr. Holsti stated the meeting would begin with a presentation from Edgewater Health.

Ms. Latanya Woodson, Director of Community Health Education, stated they just recently opened in May at the Strack and Van Til area of Cedar Lake, and practice women's health, family medicine and services. Edgewater has a primary office located in Gary, and specializes in behavioral medicine and primary care, with a third location that treats addictions and crisis interventions.

Ms. Woodson advised they are looking to begin a program and want to get to know the community. They would like to have a chat and chew session with physicians for the Senior Program. One of their physicians will come and have a 15 to 20 minute presentation on a health related topic as related to aging. Afterwards, their representative would spend time at a table to allow for any citizens to be able to come and ask them questions. They have a similar program at their main campus called Heart Health.

Ms. Woodson stated she had some papers she could provide to the Board.

Mr. Holsti advised he has had prior discussions with Ms. Woodson about their involvement with the Senior Social Event. His biggest concern with having a company or organization sponsoring an event is he would like presentations to be at a maximum of 10 minutes, and have a table set up. Their biggest desire for the Senior Citizens Social is to allow them to have time to socialize. He believes it is important to have the connectivity of knowing who is in the community to provide support and help.

Mr. Holsti asked Ms. Woodson if she has had an opportunity to discuss the tentative date of August 17 with her staff. Ms. Woodson inquired if they were looking at just having the social event in September or just in August. Mr. Holsti responded their goal was to have it occur once a month and advised they have not decided on a date.

Ms. Woodson stated they had an obligation to the school system in August and indicated September 15, 2022 would be a good date for her team.

Mr. Rodriguez asked if there are any other resources that they are requesting from the Park Board. Ms. Woodson responded her team would appear at the event and provide the refreshments at the event. She would just need an estimate of the number of individuals attending in order to provide enough refreshments.

Ms. Woodson thanked the Board for allowing her to give a presentation.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of May 26, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Mr. Holsti stated the consent agenda was for the Approval of the May 26, 2022 Meeting Minutes; a motion was made by Mr. Marquardt and seconded by Mr. Rodriguez to approve the same. Motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote:

Mr. Rodriguez Aye
Mr. Marquardt Aye
Ms. Miller Aye
Mr. Holsti Aye

New Business:

1. Boundary and Topography Survey Proposal for Various Parks

Mr. Holsti stated the first order of business was for a Boundary and Topography Survey Proposal for Various Parks. Ms. Miller and himself had a meeting with Sumac to discuss the pavilions and their placement. During this discussion, it was suggested to have survey work conducted, so the contractors are aware of the terrain and the like, and that having the surveys will help them obtain bids.

Mr. Holsti asked if there has been a review from legal to indicate if Park Impact Fees could be utilized for the surveying. Mr. Salatas responded that Mr. Austgen advised him if the Park Board were to make a motion to approve, or favorable opinion, to have the motion contingent upon legal review.

A motion was made by Mr. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Marquardt to approve the proposed survey work at Monastery North, Woods of Cedar Creek, Lynnsway, and Kiwanis parks by DVG Team, Inc., in the amount of \$16,800 contingent upon legal review for the use of Park Impact Fees. Motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote:

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Mr. Rodriguez Aye
Mr. Marquardt Aye
Ms. Miller Aye
Mr. Holsti Aye

2. Lakeside Artists Guild Concert on Saturday, September 3, 2022

Mr. Holsti stated the next order of business was for a Lakeside Artists Guild Concert on Saturday, September 3, 2022.

Mr. Holsti advised the Board there had been a meeting with Mr. Andy Anderson and during this meeting, he expressed interest in doing a free concert on Saturday, September 3, 2022. Mr. Anderson has expressed to Ms. Miller and himself his desire of potentially building to a summer concert series. This will not interfere with the Labor Day event.

A motion was made by Ms. Miller and seconded by Mr. Marquardt to approve the concert by the Lakeside Artists Guild on Saturday, September 3, 2022. Motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote:

Mr. Rodriguez Aye
Mr. Marquardt Aye
Ms. Miller Aye
Mr. Holsti Aye

3. Cedar Lake Labor Day Festival on Sunday, September 4, 2022

Mr. Holsti stated the next order of business was for a Cedar Lake Labor Day Festival on Sunday, September 4, 2022.

Ms. Schieben stated she had done the Labor Day Festival the year prior and intends to have the Festival again this year. She has a grant she will be using for it. Bugaboo will be putting up a beer garden, there will be several bands playing, and bounce houses. She is collaborating with Ms. Kelly Dykstra to have the Farmers Market's participation for the event.

Ms. Schieben commented if it was the preference of the Board they could help with the event by volunteering or setting something up to help spread word of the Park Board. Ms. Schieben invited the Board to participate in any way they would like.

Mr. Holsti stated he felt there was a way in which they could help participate with the event. Mr. Holsti inquired if they would need a motion to help participate. Ms. Schieben stated she did not believe so. Discussion ensued.

4. Consider hosting a "Midway Ballroom" Fundraiser

Mr. Holsti stated the next order of business was for the consideration of hosting a "Midway Ballroom" Fundraiser.

Mr. Holsti discussed having had conversation at length about the Midway Ballroom and the history associated with it. During this conversation, the idea was presented about remembering the Midway

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Ballroom and having an event that could be a fundraiser for the Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. Andy Anderson has offered to provide services for this event, as well.

Mr. Holsti discussed his vision for this event and reaching out to the Lighthouse Restaurant to see if they would host the event. He is looking to receive feedback and guidance for this potential event.

A motion was made by Ms. Miller and seconded by Mr. Marquardt to move forward with planning a fundraiser reminiscent of the Midway Ballroom.

Discussion ensued regarding the goal of the fundraiser and identifying what they are wanting to achieve with the fundraiser.

Ms. Sandberg advised there would need to be a discussion with the Town Attorney. She would like some clarification with him due to the use of the word fundraiser. This is where the Park's Foundation would come into action, and would need to be part of the Park's Foundation.

Mr. Salatas stated he is of a similar mindset of Ms. Sandberg and this would be better suited for the Park's Foundation versus the Park Board. Mr. Salatas advised the Board is in support of this idea. However, it would be best to wait on a motion until they receive further information on which direction they can take. He requests that the motion and the second be withdrawn.

Motion and second were withdrawn by Ms. Miller and Mr. Marquardt, respectively.

5. August Senior Citizen Social

Mr. Holsti stated the next order of business was for the August Senior Citizen Social. There had been discussion on having the next Senior Social on August 17, 2022. Officer Harry Preste has offered to conduct a senior self-defense class.

Mr. Marquardt asked if they would be providing the refreshments. Mr. Holsti advised they may be able to get coffee from the SIP for the event. He will reach out to the SIP regarding beverages. Some of the feedback he received was that the event did not be elaborate. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Mr. Marquardt and seconded by Mr. Rodriguez to hold another Senior Citizen Social Event on August 17, 2022, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote:

Mr. Rodriguez Aye
Mr. Marquardt Aye
Ms. Miller Aye
Mr. Holsti Aye

Project Updates:

1. Clerk-Treasurer's Fund Report

Ms. Sandberg advised she has provided an updated report that lists all their expenditures from the Park Impact Fund from May 1, 2022 to July 23, 2022 and explained the expenditures.

Ms. Sandberg stated she has provided to the Board the list of projects penned by former Town Manager Mr. Rick Eberly and approved by Town Council. This is to provide the Board the update of what has been completed, and projects still in progress or waiting to begin. After a budget is established, she will have more reports to provide due to having different expenditure reports and appropriations.

Mr. Rodriguez asked if it needs to be notated having the playground equipment moved. Mr. Holsti responded this is an item that needs to be reviewed with legal if this can be paid from Park Impact Fee or if it would be a budgetary item for any deficiencies. It will become an agenda item when it is determined to move forward.

2. Washroom and Pavilion Project for Various Parks

Mr. Holsti advised they are currently at a standstill for this project, and this will not be completed this year. Sumac has provided assistance to the Board and will assist in the creation of a timeline, part of which included the survey work. Part of this could include the movement of park equipment in parks where the placement is not ideal.

Mr. Salatas stated there will be a timeline provided and they are looking at finishing design work once the survey work is completed. The surveys will take approximately six weeks. They are looking at conducting the bid over winter, so it can be awarded in the winter and supplies ordered. Discussion ensued.

3. Playground Improvements at Various Parks

Mr. Holsti stated the blue rubber mulch has been installed and he has received compliments regarding the mulch.

Mr. Salatas advised at Kiwanis Park the paving of the parking lot and sidewalk installation will be occurring soon. Mr. Kubiak is coordinating with the bidder who was awarded the contract. Mr. Kubiak is looking on obtaining some quotes to do a final grade on the dog park to level it out.

Mr. Holsti asked how will the dog park be operated. Mr. Salatas stated this is an item that will be evaluated next year, as this will need a policy created with waivers, fees, and the like established.

Mr. Holsti inquired if it would be feasible once the dog park is graded and seeded, could it be locked and marked as closed. Mr. Salatas advised if that was direction of the Park Board, they could secure the dog park now. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Schieben advised securing the dog park due to it not being completed and ready for use. When the dog park is ready, they can encourage citizens to go to the Town, obtain information on the policy, and register for the dog park. This can ensure their dogs have tags with the Town and their shots are up to date.

Mr. Salatas agreed with Ms. Schieben's statement of locking the dog park and a motion would not be needed, just a general acceptance of securing the dog park. He has the authority to have it locked due to it being property of the Town Council. Further discussion ensued.

The Park Board agreed with having the dog park closed and secured until the park is ready.

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Mr. Salatas advised there have been caution signs ordered for the railroad tracks, which will be placed at the open space on the park between the playground and the railroad tracks. Mr. Salatas discussed how many signs were ordered and the general placements of the signs.

Mr. Marquardt discussed the potential of renovating the shed at Kiwanis park and having it secured.

Ms. Schieben stated the shed has holes in it and likely has animals inside. Mr. Salatas stated he believes the shed is slated to be demolished.

4. First Senior Social

Mr. Holsti acknowledged and thanked all those who helped to make the first Senior Social event successful. The event had close to 50 individuals attending.

Mr. Holsti stated there had been discussion from the members of the community that this event has been needed and thanked the Park Board. He had a lady approach him about wanting to be a Senior Volunteer Coordinator, who is willing to coordinate the events and is willing to volunteer.

Written Communication: Mr. Holsti stated an e-mail had been received from Mr. Jimmy Nelson, Ledgestone HOA President, requesting if the Park Board would consider supplying a pavilion for their park. They are in agreement that they do not want a playground, but would like a pavilion. He has advised him that it will be taken into consideration; however, nothing will be done anytime soon due to their current ongoing projects.

Ms. Schieben inquired if the park is Town owned property. Mr. Salatas stated he believes that the Outlots are Town property.

Public Comment: Mr. Holsti opened the floor up for Public Comment.

Ms. Amy Lukich, **11720 West 119th Court**, stated she is wanting to be a spokesperson for those with disabilities and differences. She expressed a need for children with differences to have programs, including sports.

Mr. Holsti stated he has had individuals talking to him about a potential special needs event, which could incorporate a sensory trailer and various items to ensure they are included and able to participate and discussed Challenger Field located in Illinois. Mr. Holsti expressed that he would love to have something similar brought to Cedar Lake.

Mr. Rodriguez advised Ms. Lukich their e-mails are available on the Town's website if she wanted to reach out and stated she could e-mail at any time if she had further ideas.

Adjournment: On a motion made by Mr. Marquardt and seconded by Mr. Rodriguez, Mr. Holsti adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

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TOWN OF CEDAR LAKE PARK BOARD

Dale Holsti, Member

Greg Marquardt, Member

Sarah Miller, Member

Paul Rodriquez, Member

ATTEST:

Ashley C. Abernathy, Recording Secretary

The Minutes of the Cedar Lake Redevelopment Commission Public Meeting are transcribed pursuant to IC 5-14-1

5-4(b), which states:

(b) As the meeting progresses, the following memoranda shall be kept:

(1) The date, time, and place of the meeting.

(2) The members of the governing body are recorded as either present or absent.

(3) The general substance of all matters proposed, discussed, or decided.

(4) A record of all votes taken, by individual members if there is a roll call.

(5) Any additional information required under IC 5-1.5-2-2.5.

Cedar Lake Park Board: Minutes of July 26, 2022