



CEDAR LAKE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Cedar Lake Town Hall,
7408 Constitution Avenue**

Thursday, September 22, 2022, at 6:00 pm

Call to Order:

Mr. Dale Holsti called the Park Board Public Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 22, 2022, with its members attending on-site. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Roll call:

Members Present: Paul Rodriquez; Greg Marquardt; Sarah Miller, Vice President; and Dale Holsti, President; Marquardt. A quorum was obtained. Also present: Chris Salatas, Town Manager; and Ashley Abernathy, Recording Secretary. David Austgen, Town Attorney. Absent: Collen Schieben, Town Council Liaison; Jennifer Sandberg, Clerk-Treasurer;

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of August 25, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Mr. Holsti entertained a motion for the approval of the August 25, 2022 Meeting Minutes; a motion was made by Mr. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Marquardt to approve the same. Motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote:

Mr. Rodriquez	Aye
Mr. Marquardt	Aye
Ms. Miller	Aye
Mr. Holsti	Aye

Announcement Hope Tauber as New Parks & Recreation's Recreation Coordinator.

Mr. Holsti introduced Ms. Tauber, Ms. Tauber stated a bit about herself.

Presentation:

1. Chicago Safari – Seyi (Shay) Arokoyo:

Mr. Arokoyo presented his touring business that is based in Dyer, Indiana, and is self-funded. He has been in business for five and a half years. His mission is to provide great service and his vision is to be a provider in this community. They do trips to Bears games, which include tailgating; golf outings; city tours; girls' nights out; wine tours in Southwest Michigan; and other options. He spoke of his vehicles. He presented a video which showed the fun that people had during his tours. He said that he has a five star rating out of fifty reviews.

Mr. Holsti stated that the vehicles are spotless and the drivers are fun and courteous. He suggested that we use Chicago Safaris for wine tours, Bears games, and holiday lights tours around town. Mr. Austgen questioned costs, insurance, events, and citizens' costs. In response to questions from the Board, Mr. Arokoyo noted that; a sit down meeting would be needed to discuss costs, a contract, and alcohol was permitted on the tours but, not provided; children's tours would also be an option. Mr. Holsti thanked Mr. Arokoyo, and Mr. Arokoyo thanked everyone.

2. Master Gardeners— Rebecca Koetz, Urban Agriculture, Purdue Extension

Ms. Koetz told of Stewardship of the lakes, composting programs, soil testing, youth and hands-on workshops. Adult presentations, rain barrels, master gardeners, herb gardens, install community gardens are all things she offers as well. She has a background in forestry. Questions from the board were about soil and costs Rebecca responded she doesn't charge a fee for her programs. We would have to provide non-renewable materials such as potting soil. Mr. Austgen advised a cooperative agreement might be needed. Mr. Holsti said education could help dispel rumors about dredging of the lake. Mr. Holsti thanked Ms. Koetz.

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

Old Business:

Capital Improvement Project

The Board commented that they would like to see walking and bike trails, tennis and pickle ball courts, and washrooms. The public surveys had a lot of tennis/pickle ball court requests. We have survey work being done. Concrete would be the biggest expense in a pickle ball court. Mr. Salatas suggested looking into grant opportunities; there is a Legacy Foundation grant organization. The first step would be to choose the location. Mr. Holsti spoke of using Park Impact fees and requested a motion to defer this to the next meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Miller and seconded by Mr. Rodriguez. Motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote.

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

New Business:

1. Sumac Proposal for Design/Construction Administration for Pavilions and Washrooms in the amount of \$30,340

Pavilions would be completed by May 27, 2023, this bid is just for the administrative costs, the engineering and site visits, and does not include materials. Mr. Holsti suggested the need for a motion to approve the \$30,340 to Sumac to begin the process of building the pavilions. Mr. Rodriguez made the motion to approve and Mr. Marquardt seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

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

2. Discussion of the proposed Dog Park equipment-amenities

The water fountain has been ordered and will take ten weeks. Ms. Miller shared the quotes from the companies and noted that lead times vary from eight to twenty weeks. Public Works will give an estimate next week on the costs of installation. Mr. Salatas mentioned that it is well under the \$50,000 public bid. One of the companies gave an estimate of installation with their bid. Questions arose about where the equipment should go, and it also was noted that there should be two waste stations. A motion was made by Mr. Marquardt to defer the discussion to the next board meeting and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

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

Project updates:

1. Clerk treasurer report: none was had.
2. Washrooms and parks: Mr. Salatas stated that two surveys came in.
3. Playground improvements such as mulch is in and weed barrier is holding up. Kiwanis sidewalk is almost done and looking nice.
4. Senior Social is going well, it was attended by 25-30 people. Edgewater Health did a presentation, would like to do more, and would be willing to do youth classes as well. SIP Coffeehouse donated again, and we are very grateful.

Public Comment-none was had.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Rodriguez and was seconded by Mr. Marquardt. Mr. Holsti adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Park Board

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TOWN OF CEDAR LAKE PARK BOARD

Dale Holsti, Member

Greg Marquardt, Member

Sarah Miller, Member

Paul Rodriquez, Member

ATTEST:

Hope Tauber, 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.**

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