

VILLAGE OF WAUNAKEE
Parks and Recreation Committee
June 23, 2011

The June 23, 2011 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting was called to order by Chris Zellner at 5:35 p.m.

PRESENT: Sandy Frankland, Deb Endres, Phil Willems, Chris Zellner, Gary Herzberg and Brian Hauke

ALSO PRESENT: Don Tierney and Mike Lawton, Sue McDade - Community Services Director, Bill Frederick - Streets Supervisor, Mike Endres – Parks Supervisor, and Gavin Scray – Department Intern.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Deb Endres/Sandy Frankland to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2011 meeting was approved.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

There was no public comment for anything other than items included on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

I. Consider Development Proposals for the Westbridge Subdivision

The committee first met at the development site and then moved the remainder of the meeting into the Village Center. Don Tierney explained that two separate development proposals were being shepherded through the review process to make certain that timelines for their project were followed. He reviewed two proposals, one that included a 23 acre school site and the other a typical residential development. Both proposals met the required parkland dedication standards currently in place. Comments from the committee regarding each of the proposals are detailed below.

Plan A (traditional development – no school)

- Overall the committee approved of this plan.
- The large, evenly shaped park area was appreciated, as open play space and ball diamonds are the community's greatest need at this point in time.
- A plan for the two public parks would need to be reviewed by the committee before any development would take place.
- At least one of the shelters in the public park would need to include restroom facilities.
- The connection between MeadowBrook Park and the new subdivision is an important detail to be worked out before development begins.

Plan B (with the school site)

- Overall the committee approved of this plan and felt that a working relationship with the school district would be beneficial to all parties involved.
- The 10 acre parcel used for demonstration at our meeting causes some concern. As laid out, a fair share of the property too narrow for the effective development of play fields.
- The 20 acre parcel that was discussed provided better options for park design, but the committee was concerned that this was a long-term solution at best.
- The committee asked about timing for the grading and seeding of the parcel north of Kopp Road, but a definitive answer was not shared.
- The memo from Michael Lawton dated June 9, 2011 indicated that "Kilkenny shall select the boundaries of the land to be conveyed ... under this section, in its sole discretion." The committee has concerns with this language – expecting to be able to negotiate with the developer the exact boundaries for the property north of Kopp Road.
- The developer should be required to extend utilities to the parcel north of Kopp Road.
- Care needs to be taken to provide safe pedestrian crossing from the school site (parking) to the play fields north of Kopp Road.
- A plan for the two public parks would need to be reviewed by the committee before any development would take place.
- At least one of the shelters in the public park would need to include restroom facilities.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Chris Zellner/Brian Hauke to adjourn was approved. (7:30 p.m.)

Respectfully Submitted:

Sue McDade
Community Services Director