

**Parks, Recreation and Forestry Committee Meeting**  
**June 21, 2016, 6:00 pm**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Committee Chair Pete Anzia

**Roll Call of Officers:** Members present were Trustees Pete Anzia, Gail Kowalkowski, Clem Gottsacker, Village Clerk Julie Lesar, and DPW Superintendent, Dan Birenbaum.

**Open Meeting Law Compliance Check:** This meeting is in compliance with the Open Meetings Law of the State of Wisconsin.

**Pledge to Flag, Moment of Silence:** All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

**5. Approval of Minutes:**

**a. Parks, Recreation and Forestry Committee Meeting June 9, 2016** – Item was tabled until next meeting.

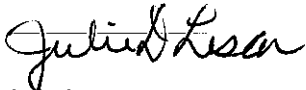
**6. Agenda Items:**

**a. Bronco Shed** - Item was tabled until more information is available.

**b. Maintenance and upkeep of Village Fields for Baseball and Softball games:** Kowalkowski shared that a baseball coach from Rocket Recreation stated that he prefers playing in Cedar Grove because as a coach, he does not have to line their diamonds. Kowalkowski wanted clarification as to what responsibilities the Village has in regards to the fields used by Rocket Recreation. Birenbaum replied that currently the Village drags the diamonds, cut the fields, and clean the parks. The Village does not line the diamonds because of unavailable manpower. He stated the Village would need to hire additional manpower in order to complete this task. He added that it takes an hour to line each diamond. Birenbaum stated that he has had a difficult time obtaining game schedules this year so that he knows when the diamonds need to be lined. Birenbaum checked with area communities regarding their responsibilities and found that they do not line diamonds or drag the fields. Other communities have formed an association that takes care of these duties. Coach Matt Wollner explained that as a coach, he just does not have the time to line the fields before a game. It is not because the coaches don't want to; they just don't have the time to complete it before the game. He stated that when his team plays in Cedar Grove, the bases are in place for them, but they do need to line the diamonds. Anzia added that the Village does not have funds budgeted to pay for additional staff to maintain the baseball diamonds. He suggested that parents volunteer to assist with lining the diamonds. Wollner replied that it is a continuous problem getting parent volunteers. Kowalkowski suggested that we find out what other communities do to maintain their sports fields. Birenbaum added that Random Lake has an association that takes care of getting sports fields ready for games. Kowalkowski stated that the Villages employees do a fine job of taking care of the sports fields and thanked them for their hard work. Birenbaum stated that the Village provides the chalk, bases, scoreboards and other items. Anzia asked if the players are charged a participation fee and if it the same fee that neighboring communities charge. Kowalkowski offered to contact Random Lake's sports association to find out how it operates and find out what is needed to maintain the sports fields and how they work with their Village.

**c. Motion to Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn at 6:45 pm was made by Anzia and seconded by Kowalkowski. Ayes- Gottsacker, Anzia, and Kowalkowski, Noes – none; Abstain – none. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Julie Lesar  
Village Clerk

Approved Parks, Recreation and Forestry Committee meeting 7/25/2016