

**Parks, Recreation and Forestry Committee Meeting**

**July 25, 2016, 6:30 pm**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 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. Others in attendance: Jim Lautenschlaeger, from Rocket Recreation, Mitch Maersch from Ozaukee Press, and Wesley and Rich Katte.

**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.

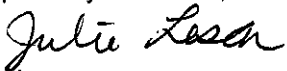
**5. Approval of Minutes:**

- a. Parks, Recreation and Forestry Committee Meeting June 21 2016** – Motion was made by Gottsacker to approve minutes from June 21, 2016, seconded by Kowalkowski. Ayes – Anzia, Kowalkowski, Gottsacker; Noes – none; Abstain – none. Motion carried

**6. Agenda Items:**

- a. Eagle Scout project of constructing helmet boxes for Heritage Park and Community Park ball diamonds** – Wesley Katte introduced himself and his proposed Eagle Scout project of building a total of six (4 for Heritage Park and 2 for Community Park) helmet and bat storage units. He presented drawings of the storage units. His goal is to complete the project for next spring. Wesley said he will be raising funds to cover the cost of the project. Kowalkowski suggested that the Village provide some financial assistance to this project as was done last month for a different Eagle Scout project for the community. Since the project will not be complete until Spring of 2017, an amount can be budgeted for 2017. Kowalkowski made a motion to recommend the Village fund 50% of the material cost of the project, final cost not to exceed \$500. Final amount to be added to 2017 budget. Motion was seconded by Gottsacker. Ayes – Anzia, Kowalkowski, Gottsacker; Noes – none; Abstain – none. Motion carried.
- a. Update on Maintenance and upkeep of Village Fields for Baseball and Softball games:** Anzia reported that the backstop net for Community Park has been received. The DPW will be installing the net. Kowalkowski explain that she has been gathering some background information regarding other communities. She stated that Rocket Recreation hosts 100 plus baseball games in Belgium and that Cedar Grove hosts 30 games per season. Kowalkowski would like to be able to provide the needed services for the baseball fields and not add to the current work load of the DPW. Kowalkowski is looking into resources for providing additional services for the Parks and Rec department. Kowalkowski asked that Jim Lautenschlaeger provide information to the Committee. Lautenschlaeger stated that DPW staff in Cedar Grove put in bases, pitching mound and line the fields. The Belgium's DPW staff drags the fields and cut the grass. Currently, the coaches put in the bases and line the fields for games in Belgium. Lautenschlaeger shared that due to time constraints, it is difficult for the volunteer coaches to put in bases and line the fields before the start of the first game each night. Birenbaum stated that the Village provides the chalk for lining the fields, cuts the grass, drags the diamonds, and pays for the bases. Anzia read a text from DPW employee, Pat Wester regarding information about area communities. It stated that the communities of Saukville, Random Lake, Oostburg, and Cascade have associations that provide funding for field equipment and take care of dragging and lining the fields. Anzia stated that the Village's DPW employees do not have the time available to line the fields and put in bases before each game. Birenbaum added that one Village employee spent three hours Monday morning maintaining the fields. Continued discussion regarding the difficulty of getting volunteers to support the needs of the baseball program and the cost of hiring someone to line the fields and where the funding would come from. Due to time limitaitons, Anzia proposed that Lautenschlaeger attend the August 8 Village Board meeting to voice his concerns.
- b. Motion to Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn at 7:02 pm was made by Anzia and seconded by Gottsacker. Ayes- Gottsacker, and Anzia, Noes – Kowalkowski; Abstain – none. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Julie Lesar

Village Clerk, Approved Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Committee Meeting, October 10, 2016