

Parks and Recreation Committee
April 28, 2019

Present: T. Reynnells, A. Lorenzo, N. Nower, D. Spenner, D. Rindfield, T. Reed
Absent: C. Iverson
Guests: Z. Smith

The committee reviewed past minutes. No questions. The Pep Club Scavenger Hunt didn't happen.

Lorenzo shared her millage draft, which was modeled off of St. Joseph's recent millage.

Lorenzo shared the estimates for the cargo net in the Palace. It will cost around \$1000 to replace the cargo net with a rope. This will be delayed until next meeting when we have a total of our funds.

Spenner inquired about finances. The invoice for the wood chips was forwarded to Dan. We need an update from each municipality for where we are at. Spenner shared that the money from the Township could be spent in the village, but we need to do a better job tracking where the money went to to maintain equity between the two locations.

Kaleb Smith presented his Eagle Scout idea. He is a Boy Scout in the Lawrence troop. His idea is to remodel the basketball court closer to the pavilion. He wants to do the following:

1. Adjust the heights to regulation height - it's currently several feet short. Rindfield felt like this would hurt his basketball game. This would be done by cutting and re-welding the pole. Suggestions were made to check with the ISD for cutting and welding help.
2. Fill the cracks in the court.
3. Apply a sealcoat to the entire court. Rindfield has a contract that may help out (Shembarger).
4. Paint the hoops and backboards.
5. Paint lines and LHS Tiger logo in the center of the court. He has a volunteer to paint the line with equipment.

Kaleb wants to start this as soon as school is out for the year. He has to finish by December 1st, but would prefer it to be done before Labor Day for the Ox Roast. This is estimated to cost around \$1000. He is planning to fundraise by asking for donations, as well as use some money from his scout fund.

Spenner made a motion to approve the Eagle Scout project. Everyone else fought to second it. Motion passed unanimously.

The millage was discussed. The first thing we need to do is establish the official language, then start sharing with the community. Spenner and Lorenzo discussed talking to Kim. The total was discussed - half a mil vs quarter mil. Spenner will talk to Kim Monday, and get back to the committee about the estimated time frame. Once we know the time frame, we can establish our next steps. Ideally - May of 2020.

Playground maintenance was discussed - swings and the ring bridge. This was agreed upon.

Spenner inquired whether this committee is responsible for the upkeep of the Palace. Lorenzo felt like we were, based on conversations with village leaders. Reed wondered if this was the village passing cost off to the Township. Rindfield remembered that the parks had a village budget - approximately \$10,000 including labor. We don't want to nickel and dime the issue, but want to be sure that the village is not abusing the Parks and Rec Committee. Concerns were raised that the wood chip delivery was not handled by the village appropriately.

The role of the Parks and Rec committee was discussed. Several analogies were discussed. Our role is oversight - decide on priorities and how to spend money. Our role as a committee is not to organize the village employees, find equipment, or complete the actual maintenance for the village. Roles need to be clarified.

The palace is still unsafe. Several requests have been made to the Village to block off unsafe areas with no success.

Lorenzo is going to clarify the Village budget at her next meeting and return with information.

The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 19.