

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Kellie Flaherty at 4:00 p.m.

Members present: Kellie Flaherty, Aimee Newbauer

Members absent: Jena Paquette

No public comments.

Discussion and possible action on playground equipment, Tim Newgard. Mr. Newgard from GameTime was in attendance. Mr. Newgard spoke about grant opportunities for playground equipment. The committee communicated they are interested in replacing the smaller red playground equipment in Pine Park. Mr. Newgard will send the Village office playground equipment catalogs for the committee to review for their next meeting.

Discussion and possible action on Village trail improvements and signs, Chris Sondrol. The 2024 snowshoe race for Winterfest will be converted into a winter walk as there is no snow. The money raised from the snowshoe race will be given to the Village of Balsam Lake for trail and sign improvements moving forward. **Motion by Aimee Newbauer to recommend to the Board creating a special outlay account for funds to be allocated to trail improvements. Second by Kellie Flaherty. All in favor. Carried.**

Discussion and possible action regarding installing a large flowerbed in June Berry Park, Peter Nelton. Mr. Nelton was in attendance and noted the benefits of planting an additional large flowerbed in June Berry Park.

Discussion and possible action on replacing hibiscus plants in two flowerbeds in June Berry Park, Peter Nelton. Two flowerbeds in June Berry Park have small hibiscus plants that haven't grown. Mr. Nelton suggested they be removed to plant new viable plants in their place.

Discussion and possible action on removing bushes in June Berry Park and planting a Maple Tree donated by Peter Nelton. Mr. Nelton noted, he would like to donate a 15-foot-tall Maple Tree to the Village to be placed in June Berry Park. Mr. Nelton would like it to be located near the Faith Lutheran Church sign. For the tree to be placed there, Mr. Nelton suggested the bushes around the sign should be removed, river rock be removed and the area should be mulched similar to the other flowerbeds located in June Berry Park.

Discussion and possible action on installing two black hills spruce trees in June Berry Park, Peter Nelton. Mr. Nelton suggested two 9-foot-tall black hills spruce trees be planted in June Berry Park. Chris Sondrol noted there might be additional cost for planting trees that large. Mr. Nelton noted he would donate one tree if the Village would purchase one tree.

Discussion and possible action on tree donation program for Pine Park in 2024. A donation was made by a community member to plant pine trees in Pine Park. Director of Public Works, David Patterson updated the committee on the health of the trees that were planted in 2022. Chris Sondrol also stated he has a location where small native white pines are growing and he would be interested in relocating them to Pine Park with the help of the Village crew. **Motion by Aimee Newbauer to recommend to the Village Board holding a tree donation program to plant trees in Pine Park in 2024. Second by Kellie Flaherty. All in Favor. Carried. Motion by Kellie Flaherty to have the public works department help Chris Sondrol as needed in harvesting white pine trees for Pine Park.**

Discussion and possible action regarding Kurt Stanze's interest in memorial project. Jim Duncan stated Mr. Stanze is interested in donating a bench to the Village in memory of his parents.

Discussion and possible action regarding egg oiling program for 2024. Brian Wertish will be speaking with the HOA to see if the Village can utilize their mailing list for the egg oiling program for 2024. Aimee Newbauer will attain the egg oiling permit. The committee will also look into who will be conducting the oiling operations for 2024.

Discussion and possible action regarding pickleball court suggestions from community members. Kellie Flaherty will contact other communities to see how their pickle ball associations operate and maintain their courts.

Motion by Aimee Newbauer to adjourn. Second by Kellie Flaherty. All in favor. Carried. 5:15 p.m.

Amy VanDeBrake, Clerk Treasurer