

Village of Decatur  
Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes  
Monday, October 17, 2022, at 4:30 P.M  
Village Hall, 114 N. Phelps Street  
Decatur, MI 49045

I. **Call to Order**

Christopher Tapper called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

II. **Pledge of Allegiance**

III. **Roll Call**

Jessica Pelfrey- Chairperson, Janice Benson, Charlene Jackson (excused), Nicky Fassett, Kande Hawks (excused), Shantel Pentland- Administrative Assistant, Megan Duncan- Clerk/Treasurer, Christopher Tapper- Village Manager, Katie Vanderhulst- Business Development Specialist from Abonmarche (excused)

IV. **Public Comment**

None

V. **Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

5A.1 - Benson offered a motion to approve the consent agenda for October 17, 2022, with support by Duncan, carried unanimously 5-0.

5A.2 - Benson offered a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for September 19, 2022, with support by Duncan, carried unanimously 5-0.

VI. **Presentations & Guest**

Katie Vanderhulst from Abonmarche was unable to attend this meeting. Manager Tapper shared some information from Katies presentation, and was provided with a list of questions regarding the Splash Pad- Red Woolfe Park Project.

VII. **Unfinished Business – Splash Pad Designs/ Red Woolfe Park Project**

The proposed site plan was reviewed and discussed. It was agreed that the added expenditure of the walking path was not necessary at this time.

PR Committee members considered the restrooms/concessions building at Red Woolfe Park, and discussed if it was more feasible to reconstruct or rebuild- final determination will be made after estimates for both are reviewed.

There was discussion about the fence line along the property alongside the parking lot. Members agreed some small trees/shrubs should be removed, pending property line determination. Native habitat buffers and visually appealing landscaping are preferred in this area.

Committee members were all in favor of the proposed tree removal plan.

There was lengthy discussion about the proposed natural habitat area on the site plan. PRC Members agreed that if the area is not conditionally necessary for our design and grant opportunities, the preferred placement of these native plants would be with the proposed evergreen buffer to give more privacy to neighboring properties.

Committee members were asked to provide feedback and input on the Community Engagement Survey.

VIII. **New Business**

None

IX. **Members Comments**

There was a conversation regarding the flooding at Red Woolfe Park, especially in the Splash Pad and playground areas.

X. **Adjournment**

Tapper offered a motion with support from Duncan to adjourn the meeting at 5:41pm., motion approved.

Minutes submitted by: Shantel Pentland, Administrative Assistant