

Village of Decatur
Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, August 19, 2022, at 3:00 P.M
Village Hall, 114 N. Phelps Street
Decatur, MI 49045

I. **Call to Order**

Village Manager, Christopher Tapper called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

II. **Pledge of Allegiance**

III. **Roll Call**

Jessica Pelfrey, Janice Benson, Charlene Jackson, Nicky Fassett, Kande Hawks, Shantel Pentland, Administrative Assistant, Megan Duncan Clerk/Treasurer, Business Development Specialist, Katie Vanderhulst.

IV. **Public Comment**

None

V. **Introductions**

Members of the new committee introduce themselves.

VI. **Presentations & Guest**

Katie Vanderhulst, Abonmarche was in attendance to present several plans suggested by the steering committee. Estimate one considering restrooms at Red Woolfe Park, to bring the facility up to ADA standards. Estimate two considers the capital improvement of construction of a Splash Pad at Red Woolfe Park.

A general discussion ensued regarding both projects. Committee members offered several suggestions regarding proposed improvements. Topics included; landscaping improvements, tree removal, drainage, concessions availability, replacement of playground equipment. Questions also ensued about grants available.

VII. **Public Hearing**

None

VIII. **Unfinished Business – Splash Pad**

Vanderhulst updated the committee regarding site plan design with the potential Splash Pad. Vanderhulst discuss options provided by Vortex, a company who specializes in design and construction of Splash Pads. The committee reviewed timelines for Recreation Passport Grants. The deadline for projects for development of public recreation facilities is April 1, 2023. Additional grant opportunities include; Land and Water Conservation Fund, Natural Resources Trust Fund.

IX. **New Business**

Motion by Jackson, with support from Benson to establish the following meeting schedule will be the third Monday of the month at 4:30 at Village Hall, 114 N Phelps Street, Decatur, MI 49045, motion approved.

Motion by Jackson, with support from Hawks to appoint Jessica Pelfrey as Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Committee, motion approved.

X. **Members Comments**

Village Manager Tapper asked the Committee to review the following priorities list. Staff has identified the following; sidewalks, community engagement, ranking parks improvement priorities. A general discussion ensued regarding the priorities. Members to review the outline and continue the discussion at the next meeting.

XI. **Adjournment**

Jackson offered a motion with support from Duncan to adjourn the meeting at 4:22 p.m., motion approved.

Minutes submitted by: Shantel Pentland, Administrative Assistant