

Village of Weston, Wisconsin
MEETING MINUTES OF THE PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, February 22, 2016, at 5:15 p.m.

A. Opening of Session.

- 1. Meeting called to order by Trustee Ostrowski at 5:16 p.m. at Premier Sports Academy.**
- 2. Recording Secretary Meliska took attendance and roll call.**
Roll call indicated 4 Park & Recreation members present.

Ostrowski, Kevin	Present
Clark, Katrina	Present
Esker, Rodger	Present
Kollmansberger, Tina	Present
Schuster, Fred	Not Present

Village Staff in attendance: Guild, Donner, Osterbrink, Mroczenski, Hodell, Yonker. Trustee White and Berger were also in attendance, along with 27 members in the audience.

- 3. Request for silencing of cellphones and other electronic devices.**
Ostrowski requested the silencing of cellphones.

B. Correspondence and comments from the public.

E. Business Items for consideration, discussion, and action.

- 4. Discussion regarding planning for future athletic fields and recreation facility plans as described in Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.**

Guild presented and discussed ideas for increased recreation and tourism facilities that could be constructed around the Weston area. He mentioned it would be nice to partner with surrounding business, groups, etc., to develop something in this area. We are in the process of negotiating to purchase 140 acres of new property. With the location of the property, the Village could put something unique together for the area. The property is away from houses and has great visibility and access from the highway.

Guild opened up the floor for any comments and ideas.

Jahn Martin – president from Central Wisconsin Off-Road Cycling Coalition stated –that from a mountain biking perspective, it would be something unique. He stated it would be a nice addition to what they already have and would be interested in being a partner. Eric Greening – having a facility like this in the area would be a draw to all schools in the area if there was synthetic turf. Justin Frahm from JSD Professional Services, Inc. mentioned it would be nice for stakeholder groups, high school groups, etc. Also, questioned what type of events, programs, tournaments could be held? Rex Zemke from the Wausau School asked what the timeline was for this project? Guild mentioned he would like it to begin sooner than later and with more partners, it can become a reality quicker. Also, any planning for events, high school games, etc. would have to be planned far in advance. Zemke also mentioned, when people start using the facility, 2 full sized fields may not be enough and if we grow in size we will need to expand or others will bypass and go to another location. Zemke stated that on the map that shows the layout, that the fields are too close together. Ryan Whalen with Wausau Baseball mentioned 340 is too small and would need at least 380 – 385 to get the value out of these fields and that they should be synthetic turf. Aaron Mull from Greenheck Fieldhouse questioned who would manage the facility. Guild stated that we are open to options. Jim Warsaw from Marathon Country Economic Development Corporation asked if the fieldscan be modified? Osterbrink stated that the field sizes can be changed.

Guild stated that we need to work on a goal to see who we want to serve with this project. Working together is the common goal right now.

F. Reports

5. Aquatic Center Manager – Brad Mroczenski

6. Parks Director – Shawn Osterbrink

G. Report from Administrator on matters related to Parks & Recreation.

H. Remarks from Committee; discuss items to be included for the next Park Committee agenda.

I. Set next meeting date for Monday, March 28, 2016

J. Announcements

Save the date: 20th Anniversary Celebration – Friday, March 11, 2016 at Dale's Weston Lanes.

K. Adjourn.

Meeting was adjourned 6:12 p.m.

Heather Meliska, Recording Secretary