

## PARKS COMMISSION

**August 21, 2017**

The Parks Commission met at the Albany Village Hall on Monday, August 21, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Fred Johnson. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Johnson, Eileen Althaus, John Thill, Larry Ommodt and Ryan Brugger. Absent: Nathan Ramsay and James Mauerman. Also present: Jim Briggs, Lisa Nickols and Sara Durtschi.

Proof of posting was verified.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Althaus, seconded by Ommodt, to approve the minutes of the last meeting as printed. Carried.

**ALBANY DUGOUT CLUB / LEGION LIGHTING UPDATE:** Jim Briggs and Sara Durtschi were present to represent the DugOut club. Briggs reported that four light poles have been donated by Hinkle and McCoy but the date for installation has not yet been set. The poles are 60 foot long with 10 foot to be buried underground, so height will be 50 foot. The estimated value of the poles are \$20,000. Briggs fabricated 20 light brackets instead of purchasing them for a savings of \$1,000 each. Briggs will verify if 12-2 gage wire is the correct wire needed for the lights and that 700 foot of wire will be enough. Alliant Energy will trench in the wire at no charge but will not be donating the wire. It would be best to trench in the underground wire at the same time the light poles are set. Thill will work with Albany schools to see if the school can help with the cost of the lights. It was said that the breaker panel by the soda machines will need to be updated to accommodate the new lights, cost yet unknown. There are a total of twenty 300 watt 220 volt LED lights planned. The commission would like Gill to check in to the cost of adding a dusk to dawn light to the first base line area. On or around 8/24/17 Briggs and Thill will be using a landscaping bobcat attachment that Carter & Grunewald is donating to level both of the ball fields. The Commission told Durtschi that she was okay to go ahead and publicly start fund raising for the lights with a goal of raising \$40,000.

Motion by Ommodt, seconded by Thill, that the Village cover up to, but not to exceed \$1,500 toward purchasing the underground wire needed for the lights; with the money coming from the Parks budget per Althaus. Carried.

**CONCESSIONAIRE REPORT:** Nickols reported that there is left over supplies from the concession stand she will need to sell. She does not plan to run concessions next year, and that she has ran it for 10 years. The coolers are still plugged in and will need to be emptied and unplugged soon, she will take care of this. Also, she purchased two new keys for the pop machine because the old one broke. Nickols wanted it on record that the old cooler is in good shape and should work for many years.

**COMMISSIONER CONCERNS:** Brugger said the village hosted 94 games this year. There was a lot of extra work this year with all of the rain. The Harvest Center donated \$230 towards the ball field from the proceeds of the pig roast.

**SUMMER HELP BONUSES:** Motion by Ommodt, seconded by Brugger, to award the following summer bonuses this year as follows: Brady Deegan \$500, Cindy Mauerman \$500, and Jada Flannery \$250; Flannery's contingent on a good report from Mauerman. Carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Thill reported that the Lions Club will be adding a weather curtain to the park shelter as part of their Legacy Project.

The Commission would like Gill to look into the cost of a dusk to dawn light for the Legion ball field around 300 watts. Also, they request that both ball fields are fertilized and that weed control is applied in the next few weeks.

The Commission would like updates on the following at the next meeting: progress of repair work on shed in North East corner of the upper ball field; progress report on Village Park band shelter; and an update/plan on repairing sprinklers at upper ball field.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Althaus, seconded by Brugger, to adjourn. Carried.

FRED JOHNSON  
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