



PARK COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, November 16, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Salem Lakes Village Hall, 9814 Antioch Road, Salem WI 53168

Members Present: Chairman Doug Randolph, Commissioners, Karen Ihlen, Terryann Mathews, Kim Roper, and Shelly Ericksen by phone. Commissioner Volbrecht and Eberle absent/Excused.

Staff Present: Interim Administrator Dave Bretl, and Park Commission Secretary Kristin Stone

CALL TO ORDER – 6:32 P M

PUBLIC COMMENTS – No Public Comments

NEW BUSINESS – Discussion and Possible Action

1. Tree Planting dedication in Old Oaks Park by neighbors of Kaleb Gendron

Chairman Doug Randolph was approached by resident for neighbors to plant a tree in honor of Kaleb Gendron who recently passed away at Old Oaks Park. The type of tree is unknown. Recommend working with Paul on Placement but all agree it's a great idea. Motion to approve tree planting by Commissioner Ihlen, second by commissioner Roper. Motion carried All Aye 5-0

2. Salem Lakes Community Days 2024 Plans and Progress. **Commission discussed the idea of Water fights run by the fireman at Salem Lakes Community Days 2024, Vendor placement, train and petting zoo. Also, discussion of the Letter that will go out to Vendors and Potential sponsors. Discussion to continue at the January 11th Planning meeting.**
3. 2024 Calendar of Events **2024 Events – Polka Night February 10th or 17th 6-8 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt at Schmalfeldt Park March 23rd with Rain Date of March 30th. Park Commission Parks Cleanup April 27th time is TBD. Park Commission to donate a raffle and maybe join the May 18th VOSL Cleanup run by Allen Dunske. Concerts in the Park June 6th & 20th, July 18th and August 1st and 15th. Salem Community Days August 10th. Movies in the Park dates TBD and 4K Santa in December date TBD.**
4. Winter Parks Tour Scheduling. **The Winter Park Tour is not needed.**
5. Baggo Sets for Salem Oaks and Runyard Parks. **Chairman Randolph will speak with Paul Snellen and Brad Zautke to get cost and then Park Commission will discuss further.**
6. Review Property Maps/Visuals of The Abbey for approach of purchasing land. **Reviewed GIS Mapping of Property. Interested in Parcel Number 70-4-120-362-0700. Next step is to approach the Abbey to see if they are willing to sell the property. If so, the Park Commission will go to the Board for approval. Chairman Randolph to notify President Bucur of the Park Commission Plan.**

7. Ice Skating in the Village and Possible Village Sponsored Bus trip to Petit Ice Rink.
Discussion of the possibility of the Village offering a bus to go to Petit Ice Center in Milwaukee in winter or early spring. Commissioner Ihlen called Petit for information on packages and pricing. Commission also discussed the possibility of putting an Ice Rink in at Salem Community Park near small retention pond so it can drain directly to pond in spring.
8. Disk Golf Course Progress updates and Plans **Chairman Randolph, Brad Zautke and RaSmith Engineer walked the path 11/16/23 to flag the trees and brush that will need clearing. Trees chosen for take down were dead or on the way to dying, so preservation was considered. Lotus Drive property was also walked previously and flagged so grubbing Bid can go out in December for both properties. Work to take place in the early spring.**
9. Lake Shangri-La Park equipment update **No update given, Paul Snellen Absent**
10. Woodhaven Meadows HOA Pavilion **An email was received from John Walker HOA representative stating the intention of the Pavilion was for the neighborhood and not the community. They would not want to remove trees or add parking. Commission members agree that if this is strictly a neighborhood pavilion the Park Commission would not fund, however any plans would need to be approved by them before the HOA moves forward. The Park Commission will continue discussion at the December Meeting after researching parking requirements and other possible items related to the pavilion.**
11. Commission Members Report – additional to New Business
 - A) Acquisitions and Land Management (Mark Eberle) **No Update Commissioner Eberle Absent**
 - B) Advertisement – Facebook “park spotlight” (Katie Volbrecht) **No Update Commissioner Volbrecht Absent**
 - C) Entertainment Coordinator (Shelly Ericksen) **4K Santa Date is December 8th at 9 am and 10 am. Commissioners Ericksen, Mathews and Ihlen will be in attendance.**
 - D) Fund Raising and Raffles (Kim Roper) **Commissioner Roper will use Pumkin Daze Fundraising letter to redraft for VOSL Community Days once the schedule of events is defined, estimate of attendance, etc. is determined at the January 11th scheduling meeting. Commissioners will reach out to President Bucur to invite to the planning meeting.**
 - E) Volunteer Recruitment (Karen Ihlen) **No update**
 - F) Liaison (Doug Randolph) **Will email board with summary of meeting.**

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. COW Meeting 12/4 Member **Kim Roper_**
2. Board Meeting 12/11 Member **Doug Randolph**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Roper, second by Commissioner Mathews. Motion Carries All Aye 5-0 Adjourn 7:53 PM