

Salem Lakes Park Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 26, 2023@ 6:30 p.m.
Salem Lakes Village Hall
9814 Antioch Rd, Salem WI 53168

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Mark Eberle at 6:32 p.m.

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

Staff Present: Interim Administrator Dave Bretl, Paul Snellen and Kristin Stone

Citizen Comments:

John Walker – 9111 22nd Ave, Salem WI 53168 – Gave update about Woodhaven Meadows Pavilion request. Central HS is unable to build onsite. He has investigated pavilion kits that provide all materials except the footings and flooring. Discussion to continue during Agenda Item #9.

Discussion and possible action on the following items:

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Boy Scout Troop 328 to use Salem Community Park November 17th, 2023 for Emergency Preparedness Campout. **Commissioner Ihlen Motion to approve Boy Scout Campout on November 17, 2023, at Salem Community Park, Second by commissioner Roper. Motion Carries 6-0 All Aye.**
- 2) Vandalism at Salem Lakes Community Park – High Resolution Cameras- **Discussion of current bid of \$23k for High Resolution Cameras and install electrical. Also discussed restitution from previous vandalism. Reimbursement was minimal compared to damage done. Will continue to use current cell cameras at park. Vandalism incidents have decreased.**
- 3) Salem Lakes Community Days 2024 plans and progress. **Commissioner Ericksen put the initial budget together, and the budget was shared at the 2024 Budget meetings. The Commission discussed multiple dates for the event and possible activities to include. Commissioner Ericksen Motioned to set the date of the first planning meeting for January 11, 2024, at 6 pm and Salem Lakes Community days August 10, 2024 (Rain or Shine). Second by Commissioner Eberle. Motion Carries 6-0 All Aye.**
- 4) Disk Golf Course progress updates and plans **The Park commission will walk the Disk golf course. GPS coordinates are needed for court mark outs, also need Lotus Park tour notes so grubbing RFP can be a combined submittal of both properties and then put out for bid.**
- 5) Pickle Ball Courts Ribbon Cutting Debrief. **The Pickleball Ribbon cutting was great. West of the I and Kenosha News have photos of the event and will publish to help promote the courts.**
- 6) Fall Park Commission parks tour Debrief. **Park Commission toured Lotus Dr Park Land, Camp Lake Park, Westosha Historical Society Park, and Runyard Wilson Park on October 21, 2023. Discussed possible parking options at Lotus Dr Park Land and walking location again once Foliage is down in early December to mark possible trail.**
- 7) The Abbey – Approach for Park Land Purchase **Approaching the Abbey has been a discussion in the past to purchase land for a Neighborhood Park, it has not gone further than discussion. The first step would be to approach the Abbey to see if they are willing to sell and if it's a possibility. Next step would then be to engage the Village Board to discuss the idea. Commission is going to discuss further and look at property maps of the Abbey at the November meeting.**
- 8) Lake Shangri-La Park equipment replacement. **The Footprint for the new plastic border and playset is 44x34 and has been staked out to give a visual of how it lays out. The current location is on a hill so it fits but needs**

to be excavated or smaller pieces can be ordered and spread differently. Best if the Park Commission goes and looks so decision can be made. Budgeted \$31,500 for the equipment at Lake Shangri-La Park.

- 9) Woodhaven Meadows HOA Pavilion John Walker – 9111 22nd Ave, Salem WI 53168 Walker – 9111 22nd Ave, Salem WI 53168 spoke during citizen comments, and clarified that the kits option is just an example to give a general sense of what the HOA is looking for. The Park Commission to do a 2nd park tour and include Woodhaven Meadows. Woodhaven Meadows HOA is officially requesting the Village to consider constructing a pavilion. If anything, further needed from HOA please let John Walker know and he is happy to provide. Also discussed building in the fall (2024) because access is easier once crops and foliage are down. Because this is potentially a Village project, park money (from taxes) is being invested so it is believed that there will be requests from other VOSL residents to access. Commission Eberle Motion to pursue Woodhaven Meadows Pavilion. Seconded by Commissioner Ihlen. Motion Carries 6-0 All Aye.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- 10) Village Board and/or COW Meeting Attendance
- a) Regular Board Meeting/COW at 6 pm-
Date **11/6 Member Kim Roper**
Date **_11/13 Member Karen Ihlen**
- 11) Commission Members Report – additional to New Business
- a) Acquisitions and Land Management (Mark Eberle)
No Update but will walk Lotus Park Dec 2nd so plan can be given to Village Engineer
 - b) Advertisement (Katie Volbrecht)- Facebook “park spotlight”
Parks tour was very nice, did a Facebook post and everyone loved the Eagle sighting pictures from Marchuck Park.
 - c) Entertainment Coordinator (Shelly Ericksen)
Nothing new but the Calendar of Events 2024 should be discussed at next meeting to start planning. Commissioner Ericksen reached out about 4K Santa but is waiting for response.
 - d) Fund Raising and Raffles (Kim Roper) **Now that a date for Salem Community days has been set, Commissioner Roper and Mathews will start drafting the fundraiser letter to share with and get approval for the Village Board. Once adaptive swings are received and installed, Commissioner Roper will find “models” and take pictures for commissioner Volbrecht to post on Facebook. Discussion of a Raffle for Salem Community days, where half of proceeds being raised would be used to purchase additional adaptive park equipment.**
 - e) Volunteer Recruitment (Karen Ihlen) **No update but would like to be on the Planning team for Salem Lakes Community Days.**
 - g) Liaison (Doug Randolph) **No update. Would like to do a Ribbon Cutting for Lake Shangri-La new park equipment when its completed.**
- 12) Approve Minutes from the September 28, 2023 Park Commission Meeting
Motion to Approve September 28th Minutes by Commissioner Volbrecht, second by Commission Ericksen. Chairman Randolph Abstained. Motion Carries 5-0 All Aye
- 13) Future Agenda Items and Commissioner Comments
- Keep Items 3, 4, 7 (with maps and visuals to decide how to approach the Abbey) 8 and 9.**
 - Schedule Winter Parks Tour**
 - Ice Skating for the Village with possible bus trip to Petit Ice Rink sponsored by the Village.**
 - 2024 Calendar of Events**
 - Possibility of Baggo sets (like Marchuck Park) installed at Salem Oaks and Runyard Parks**

ADJOURNMENT Motion to Adjourn by Commission Ericksen, Second by commissioner Roper. Motion Carries All Aye
6-0 Adjourn 7:42 P.M.

Chairman: Doug Randolph

Members: Mark Eberle ~ Shelly Ericksen ~ Karen Ihlen ~ Terryann Mathews ~ Kim Roper ~ Katie Volbrecht