

**Village of Holmen
Park, Recreation, and Library Committee
Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, March 2, 2022**

Committee Chairman Wyss called the Holmen Park, Recreation, and Library Committee meeting to order at 5:14 p.m. on March 2, 2022 at the Holmen Village Hall.

Present: Micah Wyss, Travis Elam, Mike Brogan, Chris Geary

Absent: Dawn Kulcinski

Excused: Chris McArdle-Rojo

Guests: None

Motion by Elam second by Wyss to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2022 meeting. Carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Library Director's monthly report: There was no library director's report. Brogan distributed the monthly library report and program guide to the committee.

Park and Recreation Director's monthly report:

Recreation: Brogan stated that the hiring of spring and summer staff is in progress. Brogan stated that the spring/summer brochure has been completed and will be distributed on March 4th. Brogan stated that registration for spring programs is in progress and registration for summer programs begins March 7th for internet registration only and March 21st for all other methods. Brogan informed the committee of programs that recently ended or are still in progress: youth basketball, adult volleyball league, adult fitness classes, cheerleading and indoor soccer. Brogan listed the programs that will be beginning in March which include: ballroom dancing, Zumba classes, impact volleyball, youth soccer, nature art journaling classes, cupcake classes, and Lego creature features. Brogan stated that a majority of the recreation supplies had been ordered in February. Wyss inquired if there will be Concerts in the Park again this summer. Geary stated that there will be concerts again this summer beginning June 5th and going through September 18th and that all dates have been booked except for one.

Parks: Brogan stated that all part-time park staff are returning for the summer. Brogan stated that staff are preparing facilities for spring and still doing winter duties.

Pool: Brogan stated that Joah Strauss will be the pool manager for 2022. Brogan stated that hiring is in progress for the pool staff. Brogan stated that there has been a better return rate than last year. Elam asked why the Village is getting a gas/electric bill from Excel for the pool already. Brogan stated that we always have electricity at the pool because there is a server located there and we also keep it heated to at least 40 degrees to help prevent damage in the maintenance room.

Brogan provided an information update on Seven Bridges, McGilvray and Pertzch Parks. Brogan provided packets with park layouts to the committee to review. Wyss commented that Seven Bridges and Pertzch parks still have the two smaller playground areas separated by a sidewalk in the layouts provided instead of the one large playground area without sidewalk. Brogan stated that these layouts were printed off before that change was made. Elam asked how the specific playground equipment was picked to place in the parks. Brogan stated that they wanted to have something for all ages and the original plans had two smaller playground areas with some equipment catered to kids aged 2-5 and other equipment catered to kids over 5 but after more consideration they decided to combine elements for all ages into one larger apparatus. Wyss inquired if the trash can design was changed after getting input from park maintenance. Brogan stated that a change was made to get the style that we need.

Other Business: Elam stated that he has heard complaints from residents near Whispering Pines Park of people sitting in cars around the park playing Pokemon Go. Elam stated that some residents didn't feel it was safe to send children to the park with random people sitting in cars nearby. Elam asked if there was anything the Park & Rec Dept. could do. Brogan stated that the best course of action would be to call the police so they could monitor things if it continues.

Motion by Elam, second by Wyss to adjourn at 6:12 p.m. Motion carried.

Chris Geary
Asst. Park & Recreation Director