

Village of Hobart Parks & Recreation Committee Minutes
Hobart Village Office; 2990 S. Pine Tree Rd, Hobart, WI
Tuesday, May 9, 2023 – 5:00 pm

1. Call to Order, Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order by Mary Jane Hemmy at 5:03pm. Roll call: Mary Jane Hemmy (Chairperson), aye; Laura Lear (Vice Chairperson), aye; Michael Hoeft, aye; Jane Jerzak, aye; Tammy Zittlow (Alternate), arrived at 5:10pm.

2. Verify/Modify/Approve Agenda:

Motion by Mike Hoeft, seconded by Laura Lear, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

None.

4. Approval of Parks & Recreation Committee Minutes:

Motion by Laura Lear, seconded by Mike Hoeft, to approve the October 27, 2022 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Election of Committee Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Nomination of Mike Hoeft as Chairperson by Jane Jerzak, seconded by Laura Lear. Mike declined.

Nomination of Mary Jane Hemmy as Chairperson by Jane Jerzak, seconded by Mike Hoeft.

Roll Call Vote: Mary Jane Hemmy, aye; Laura Lear, aye; Michael Hoeft, aye; Jane Jerzak, aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Nomination of Laura Lear as Vice Chairperson by Jane Jerzak, seconded by Mary Jane Hemmy.

Roll Call Vote: Mary Jane Hemmy, aye; Laura Lear, aye; Michael Hoeft, aye; Jane Jerzak, aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Tammy Zittlow arrived at the meeting at 5:10pm.

6. Bike Trail from Trenty Trail to Brookwood Circle:

The committee reviewed the proposed trail options connecting Trenty Trail to Trout Creek Road and Brookwood Circle. The following residents made comments:

- Roberta Rather – 697 Mapleview Ct
- Ryan Schumacher – 4130 Trenty Trail
- Eric Simonson – 4120 Trenty Trail
- Karin Hedeem – 4145 Trenty Trail
- Nathalie Hoffman – 4110 Trenty Trail
- Cassandra Freckmann – 765 Brookwood Circle
- Susan Eisner – 789 Brookwood Circle

Motion by Jane Jerzak, second by Mike Hoeft, to get an estimate on the Blackberry Ridge and Brookwood Circle trail connector to be done in gravel contingent upon the residents of Trenty Trail paying 50% of the cost. All in favor. Motion Carried.

7. Basketball Court at Jan Wos Park

The committee discussed the community's request for a basketball court to be installed at Jan Wos Park. The conversation centered on location, remaining space, and a recommendation on additional shade trees being installed at the park along with a water ('bubbler') station.

Motion by Jane Jerzak, second by Tammy Zittlow, to recommend to the Village Board using ARPA funds to install a full-size basketball court at Jan Wos Park. All in favor. Motion Carried.

8. Baseball Field at Four Seasons Park

The Village removed the baseball field at Pine Tree Park to make room for the new fire station, and the field at Four Seasons Park was removed due to its poor condition. The fencing was still in good condition and can likely be used towards new fields being constructed at Four Seasons Park. The committee discussed multiple groups that were very interested in using the fields, and the feasibility of different organizations hosting tournaments. The following resident made comments:

- Rich Thompson – 598 Pebblestone Ci – Pulaski LaCrosse

The committee discussed the layout of the park and the importance of keeping an appropriate space for the Pulaski LaCrosse team to utilize as their home field.

Motion by Tammy Zittlow, second by Laura Lear, to recommend to the village board to bid out and fund two baseball fields with construction to commence in 2023. All in favor. Motion carried.

9. Concession Stand at Four Seasons Park

The committee had previously looked at the possibility of installing a concession stand at Four Seasons Park. They decided to re-evaluate this agenda item in the future, after the baseball fields are constructed and a need is presented.

10. Free Little Libraries

The committee had previously discussed allowing a path for residents to be able to install Free Little Libraries on their properties. Staff created a form for residents to submit to the Village for approval.

Motion by Jane Jerzak, second by Mike Hoeft, to approve the Free Little Library Permit Application as presented, contingent upon approval by the Director of Public Works. All in favor. Motion carried.

11. Current and Proposed Projects

Staff updated the committee that the walkway from Birch Drive to Four Seasons Park was going to the Village Board for approval in June.

12. Items for Future Agendas/Scheduling of the Next Committee Meeting:

Village staff will gather information to begin discussions on rental contracts and fees for leagues to utilize park facilities.

Village staff will get updated pricing on the Trenty Trail pathway utilizing gravel instead of pavement.

13. Adjourn:

Motion by Jane Jerzak, second by Mike Hoeft, to adjourn at 7:06pm. The motion passed unanimously.