

Village of Fall Creek

Minutes of Community Relations, Recreation & Health Committee Meeting

January 25, 2022

1. **Call to Order:** 5:52 p.m., Village Hall Meeting Room, 122 E. Lincoln Ave., Fall Creek
2. **Roll Call:** Committee Members Present: Chairperson Karen Hurd, Trustees Ben Burch, Matt Mattoon, Tim Raap, Karen Strasburg. Absent: None. Staff Present: Administrator/Public Works Director Jared McKee, Deputy Clerk Joan Drehmel. Also Present: Landon Profaizer, Associate Planner for West Central Regional Planning Commission.
3. **Certify Open Meeting Law Requirements Have Been Met:** A notice of the meeting and an agenda was posted at the three public places and local newspapers were notified.
4. **Adopt Agenda:**
 - MOTION (Mattoon/Burch) to adopt the agenda as printed. PASSED, without negative vote.
5. **Old Business**
 - A. **Recommendation re: Village of Fall Creek Outdoor Recreation Plan 2022-2027:** Landon Profaizer, who drafted the plan with input from the committee, answered questions regarding grant proposals, and the ability to amend the plan once it has been adopted. The committee noted some verbiage changes and asked him to include the future plans for the north side of Keller Park and a walking trail to Crystal Creek Park.
 - MOTION (Mattoon/Raap) recommending verbiage changes to Outdoor Recreation Plan as discussed, to include future plans for the north side of Keller Park and a walking trail to Crystal Creek Park, and to bring the updated plan to the Village Board for approval. PASSED, without negative vote.
 - MOTION (Raap/Burch) recommending authority be given to Chairperson Hurd and Trustee Matt Mattoon, in conjunction with Administrator/Public Works Director McKee, to pursue grants. PASSED, without negative vote.
 - B. **Keller Park Ballfield Update:** Trustee Burch updated the committee that initial drawings for the baseball field and future phases like a pavilion and batting cages are being drawn up, fund raising plans are in place and awaiting approval from the Village Board regarding advertising on fences. The committee discussed installing a “thermometer” sign for fundraising purposes, informing the public in the next Village newsletter about donating to the project, and the Village taking on ownership, maintenance, and replacement of equipment in the Keller Park kitchen. It was the consensus of the committee that Karen Strasburg will present this last idea to the Lions Club for consideration. She will bring back her findings to this committee.
 - MOTION (Hurd/Mattoon) recommending authorization be given to the Youth Sports Association to advertise the project in various locations within the Village, coordinating their efforts with Village Administrator/Public Works Director McKee. PASSED, without negative vote.
 - MOTION (Burch/Mattoon) recommending authorization be given to the Youth Sports Association to solicit fence advertising for the ballfield project until it is paid off, including related expenses. PASSED, without negative vote.
6. **New Business**
 - A. None
7. **Adjourn:** @ 7:06 p.m.

Joan Drehmel, Deputy Clerk