

**Minutes from the  
Parks & Rec Committee Meeting  
Of  
February 23, 2017**

Attendees:

Trustee Richard Gust – Committee Chairperson  
Trustee Mark Ottersen – Committee Member  
Trustee Larry Wells – Committee Member

Tracy Miracle – Assistant to the Administrator  
Jon Kindseth - Administrator

Roll call was taken and the meeting brought to order at 6:01 p.m.

Minutes were approved from the August 3, 2016 meeting.

Special Event dates were presented to the Committee and the following dates were approved:

The Village-wide rummage sale will take place Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> through Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. Beach Park Fest will take place Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> and the Senior Picnic will take place Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Regarding Braim Tot Lot Improvements, a park study was suggested by the board at the priorities session. Per Jon, this would include hiring an engineer to put together a scope of potential options for the tot lot. Suggestions include a basketball court, baseball field, soccer field, a rental shelter and expanded parking. A portable restroom would be necessary as well. Trustee Wells is concerned with the kind of atmosphere a basketball court would cause with older children and teens right next to a tot lot. Jon suggested placing a berm between the tot lot and basketball court. A baseball field does not seem like a necessity at this location being there are several fields at Founders Park. Trustee Ottersen suggested a gravel pathway going around the tot lot which brought up a brief discussion by Jon regarding a path from the Green Bay Terrace/Maplewood Manor area to the tot lot. Trustee Wells recommends pursuing grants for upgrades.

Founders Park bathrooms have been a constant issue....keeping them clean, making sure they are locked and unlocked as needed. Auto locks (at a cost of approximately \$5000) on the restroom doors have been discussed, however they could pose some challenges if someone were to prop the doors open. This will need further discussion. The Committee would like to see additional signage between the bathroom doors as well.

A game camera was set up at Founders Park at one of the ball fields to try and catch the person responsible for burning debris at the ball fields. This camera has shown nothing of value thus far. Jon stated that maintenance on the park equipment at Founders has begun – it is showing its age.

The Committee asked Staff to see if there is interest with Cambridge to do a movie in the park this year. Staff will follow up with the Cambridge Attorney.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Next Meeting: TBD