

**TOWN OF GENESEE
PARK BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2021**

Park Board member Dennis Michaelis called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. Present were Park Board members Jana Heinzelmann, Charlie Gresser, Kevin Mickelberg and Jim Gibson, Chairman Ron Hill arrived at 5:45 p.m. Scott Hettwer was absent this evening. Also present were Town Board Supervisor Buck Houston, Mike Berg of the DPW department and Park Board Secretary Barb Whitmore.

Discussion/action – Approval of Park Board minutes of September 21, 2021

Jim Gibson made motion to approve the minutes of September 21st, Gresser seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Report on Parks from DPW Superintendent Will Gibson – Mike Berg

10/8/21 Sept @ Oct 2021 Park report

1. Worked on clearing of nature center.
2. Worked on budget. finished
3. Zipline still waiting on time slot from zipline company to fix it.
4. Dug out dirt for concrete for dug outs at town park. Waiting on parts
5. Infield was replaced rebel field town park. Razed up. Lots of watering.
6. Final fertilizing was done at both parks and townhall.
7. We started working on picnic tables. Planning and painting.
8. Patched all cuts we made in roads and parking lot at sunset park for gate wiring.
9. Picked up and hung new nature center sign.
10. Worked on placement of new d p w building.
11. Cleaning d p w and park buildings
12. Getting ready for end of season for parks.

Discussion on drawing for Baseball pavilion at Sunset Park

Discussion on where the new DPW building will go, using part of the parking lot. A new parking lot will be added closer to the pavilion and playground area. The size of the new pavilion between the ball diamonds will be 35' x 80'.

Dugout rail kit

Berg reported the rails for the dugouts have been received, hoping to start installing this week.

Review list of 2022 budget projects

Park Board members looked over the proposed budgeted projects for next year.

Update on Recreation Department – Dennis Michaelis

Michaelis reported the recreation programs for the year are almost over. The shirts for soccer finally came in and have been given out.

Hill arrived at the meeting.

Correspondence

Discussion of the rototilling of the diamonds at the parks, Michaelis asked why they were told not to do them this year. Mickelberg explained the reasoning behind this decision. Discussion on end of year prep for the fields and what changes could be made. The fields with the new baseball mix can't be worked.

The Park Board went back to item 3 on the agenda, drawing for the baseball pavilion at Sunset Park. Discussion of electrical work, where the pavilion will be placed between the four diamonds, also possibly drilling a new well in the future. Discussion on finalizing the wording for the bid and getting it to the papers for work to begin next year.

Houston asked about the write up for the town's web site on the Nature Center. Hill was getting information for that.

Houston also asked what was learned about possibly getting soda machines at the parks. Hill briefly looked into Elm Groves, they made about \$3,000 with their own machines, spending about \$900 on repairs. They have gone from owning to renting from Pepsi. Discussion on the costs of owning the machine verses renting and what you get back.

Houston stated the study on this should be done by the Park Board not the DPW department. They should then report the pros and cons of doing the soda machines, if the machines would be worthwhile.

The fees we charge for park sports was also brought up; we will look for the study done several years ago.

Houston stated he spoke with representatives of Lee Co. at a conference he recently attended and they have changed vendors, giving Hill the information.

Last Park Board meeting in 2021, next meeting April 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Mickelberg asked to discuss several things to think about over the winter for the park future.

Our parks are multi-use and had several questions, idea's. Asking about an information sign at the entrance of the park announcing what games would be played that day, advertising the Rebels games possibly getting more people to attend the games, discussion.

Better communications where the different soccer fields are located.

The batting tunnel at Town Park is used a lot, should we purchase another for Sunset Park, discussion.

Mickelberg also suggested a possible archery area or golf area, discussion. Disc-golf was also brought up and discussed.

Michaelis made motion to adjourn, Heinzemann seconded, motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Whitmore, WCMC
Park Board Secretary