



Black Earth Parks, Grounds, and Recreation Committee
Monday, April 18, 2022 5:30 pm
Veteran's Park, 1317 Mills St., Black Earth, WI 53515

Minutes

1. **Call to Order.** Char Brammerson called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.
2. **Roll Call and confirmation of Quorum.** Upon roll call present: Jared Brammerson, Scott Patchin, Lauri Statz. Absent: Meagan Kahl, James Coyle. Also present: Public Works Director Matt Kahl, Deputy Clerk Dani Franco.
3. **PROOF OF POSTING:** A copy of the notice was delivered on 04/15/2022 to the following: by fax to the Star News; posted at Black Earth Municipal Building, Black Earth Village Web Page, by fax for posting to the State Bank of Cross Plains Black Earth branch and posted at the Black Earth Post Office. *Noted*
4. **Public Comment.** Limit 3 minutes per person. *No one present.*

At 5:35 pm Chair Brammerson announced that due to the weather, the meeting will move to the Village Hall, 1210 Mills Street. Signs indicating such were posted at the Veterans Park shelter at the time the meeting moved.

5. **Approve Meeting Minutes from: March 14, 2022**
Brammerson/Patchin to approve as presented. Motion carried 3-0.
6. **Discussion/Action on Cooper Property.**
 - a. Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant application
The committee reviewed the grant application. The committee needed to brainstorm a list of items to include in grant application and planning of the future park area of the Cooper Property. Discussed razing of existing buildings and placement of gazebo, benches, landscaping, and parking lot. The committee needed an official motion to take the grant application to the Village Board for approval.
Patchin/Statz motion to approve application as prepared, to have Benish submit the application, and move it to the Village Board for final approval. Motion carried 3-0.
7. **Discussion/Action ballfield at BE Elementary/Community Park.**
 - a. Parking
 - i. No updates
 - b. Basketball Court
 - i. Discussion on placement of court. Court needs to be redone, will get quotes later in year.
 - c. Old Concession Stand
 - i. Bombers looking into getting paint to touch up concession stand, hoping to finish before Bombers season starts.
 - d. Park Equipment
 - i. Will look into for pricing closer to budget prep time.
 - e. Flag lighting
 - i. Matt spoke with Vanguard regarding lighting of flagpole. Might be possible to install a hardwired light for flag but could be expensive. Matt is going to look into other options and possibly a different style of solar light than before.
 - f. Ballfield supplies
 - i. Matt purchased \$1500 of ballfield materials. Wisconsin Heights should be reimbursing a portion of it, but Matt does not have all the details yet.

- ii. \$5000 in Ballfield account left.
- iii. Matt discussed ballfield condition. Stones are working their way up through the field and are causing issues. Ultimately, the infield will need replacement. The quality of the material currently there is not where it should be.
- iv. Matt also brought up for discussion the ballfield fence. He suggested closing off the fence running parallel to the first base line since the school property will be changing over and would be nice to have the field enclosed. It is about 300 feet of fencing.

8. Discussion/Action on Mulching parks.

- a. *Patchin/Brammerson to approve mulch purchase for parks. Motion carried 3-0.*

9. Discussion/Action on Vet's Park:

- a. Tree replacements
 - i. Statz stated she has a contact at Olson Toon and they are interested in donating a tree to Veterans Park when the replacements are made.
 - ii. Matt will make contact with landscapers to see about other beautification ideas for foliage and decorations in the park.

10. Discussion/Action in Ice Rink review.

- a. Matt stated a new liner will be required every year for the ice rink and should be budgeted.
- b. Committee discussed the ice rink. Very positive community response; a lot of use by kids and other residents. Agreement that location of the rink was good; central location, lighted area, fenced in – could lock when the weather warmed.

11. Discussion/Action on Projects requiring a planner.

- a. At the previous Village Board Meeting, Village President Hodson requested all committees bring back to the board with them two ideas that a paid grant writer/planner would be helpful to complete/move projects ahead. The committee decided that a grant writer/planner would be beneficial for the development of the future park area of the Cooper Property, and a general trails/recreation/parks grant writer.

12. Discussion/Action on any "Pet Projects" of members.

- a. Patchin chose Pickleball as his project.
 - i. Discussed possibility of painting pickleball lines and purchasing nets when the tennis court is redone.
- b. Brammerson chose mountain bike trail connections as his project.

13. Other items for future agenda discussion.

- a. Pickleball - Patchin
- b. Mountain bike trail connections - Brammerson

14. Setting of Next Meeting. May 10, 5:15pm

15. Adjournment of Parks, Grounds and Recreations Committee.

- a. *Patchin/Statz motion to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:18pm.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Dani Franco
Deputy Clerk

PARKS, GROUNDS AND RECREATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Scott Patchin, James Coyle, Jared Brammerson, Meagan Kahl and Lauri Statz.
Mitch Hodson; alternate.