



Black Earth Parks, Grounds, and Recreation Committee

Monday, March 27, 2023 | 6:00pm

Black Earth Municipal Building
1210 Mills St., Black Earth, WI 53515

DRAFT Minutes

1. **Call to Order** Chair Brammerson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
2. **Roll Call and Confirmation of Quorum Upon roll call present:** Jared Brammerson, James Coyle, Scott Patchin, Meagan Kahl, Lauri Statz. Also present: PWD Matt Kahl, Clerk/Treasurer Dani Fields.
3. **PROOF OF POSTING:** the proof of posting was read aloud by Jared.
4. **Discussion/Action to Approve Meeting Minutes from January 17, 2023**
James/Lauri motion to approve minutes as presented. Minutes carried 5-0
5. **Discussion/Action on Cooper Property Updates**
 - a. Matt informed the committee that the garage was sold on Wisconsin Surplus for \$3500. The other buildings did not sell.
 - b. **Planner involvement**
 - i. Dani asked committee members if they would like to have any involvement with Vierbicher for park planning. Discussion on what they would do - prairie restoration, mockups of maps, help with landscaping, trees, fishing access, etc.
Jared/Meagan motion to allocate \$5000 for planning the park with Vierbicher. Motion carried 4-1 with James opposed. The committee wants to have drawings done by end of May.
6. **Discussion/Action on Veterans Park**
 - a. **Picnic Tables**
 - i. Recently purchased ADA Picnic tables are at Vets Park. John Bird paid for the tables. He originally committed \$2000 but paid the full amount. Matt is working on getting plaques made up for the tables.
 - ii. The committee instructed Dani to send a thank you card and put a thank you in the newsletter.
 - b. **Trees**
 - i. Matt met with Olson Toon. Working on getting a quote for redesign.
 - ii. The committee asked Matt to get a more solid estimate for the 3 trees donated and 3 trees purchased plus labor to know what to expect for the expense.
 - c. **Landscaping**
 - i. Matt said he is waiting on Olson Toon to do a quote for Vets Park refresh/revitalization.
 - ii. Discussion on placement of flowers, rock vs mulch. Committee does not want flowers near play area.
 - iii. No action; waiting on Olson Toon quote.
7. **Discussion/Action on Parks Ground Maintenance**
 - a. **Weed & Feed, Dethatching, etc.**
 - i. **Discussion on the options available from different companies to maintain park spaces.**
James/Scott motion for Lawns Unlimited to do dethatching for Vets Park/Village Hall, small baseball field, and Community Park. Motion carried 5-0.
 - ii. The committee will wait on aeration & overseed until fall.
James/Jared motion for True Green to do weed & feed for Vets Park/Village Hall, and large & small baseball field.
8. **Discussion/Action on Ballfield Replacement**
 - a. Matt stated that a replacement will be approx. \$40k. Discussion on whether or not it could still be done this year. Matt stated he met with vendors in Fall 2022 and received quotes,

but the committee did not want to move on anything. Now work schedules will be full before the season starts; will need to wait until fall at the earliest for replacement now.

- b. Discussion on charging fees for use; fundraising possibilities for field replacement.
- c. Matt/Dani will ask Vierbicher about potential grants for ballfield. Ben Voss with Home Talent will attend next meeting for ballfield discussion and fundraising possibilities.

9. Discussion/Action on Community Park Sign Replacement

- a. Community Park sign on shelter is old, worn, and in bad shape. PW removed the sign and Matt is waiting on quotes for a redone sign.

10. Discussion/Action on Naming of New Park (Former Cooper Property)

- a. Black Earth Creek Park most popular choice, Creekside Park was runner up. Scott/Lauri to select *Black Earth Creek Park*. Motion carried 5-0. Will now go to the board for official renaming.

11. Other items for future agenda discussion

- a. Funding for baseball field – Fundraising
- b. Community Park sign replacement
- c. Aeration/overseed
- d. Planner for Black Earth Creek Park – Vierbicher
- e. Vets park trees/ landscaping
- f. Signs for new park

12. Setting of Next Meeting

- a. Monday, April 17, 2023 at 5:30pm

13. Adjournment

James/Scott motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Adjourned at 7:07pm

Minutes prepared by Dani Fields, Clerk/Treasurer

Committee Members: Jared Brammerson, James Coyle, Scott Patchin, Meagan Kahl, and Lauri Statz. Mitch Hodson; alternate.