



Black Earth Parks, Grounds, and Recreation Committee
Monday, January 24, 2022 6:00 pm
1210 Mills St., Black Earth, WI 53515

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order.**
2. **Roll Call and confirmation of Quorum.**
3. **PROOF OF POSTING:** A copy of the notice was delivered on 1/21/2022 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.
4. **Public Comment.** Limit 3 minutes per person.
5. **Approve Meeting Minutes from:** December 6, 2021
6. **Discussion/Action on Cooper Property.**
7. **Discussion/Action on Trail extension.**
8. **Update on ballfield at BE Elementary.**
9. **Discussion/Action on Vet's Park:**
 - a. **BBQ pit.**
 - b. **Fencing replacement**
10. **Discussion/Action on Community Park:**
 - a. **Basketball Court updates needed.**
 - b. **Playground Equipment**
11. **Discussion/Action on Water Tower Park:**
 - a. **Brush Clearing**
12. **Other items for future agenda discussion.**
13. **Setting of Next Meeting.**
14. **Adjournment of Parks, Grounds and Recreations Committee.**

Please Note:

- It is possible that members of and possibly a quorum of members of other government bodies of them municipality may be in attendance at the above stated meeting to gather information. No action will be taken by any governmental body at the above stated meeting other than the governmental body specifically referred to above in this notice.
- Upon reasonable notice, all reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of individuals with disabilities through appropriate aids and services. For additional information or to request this service, contact the Municipal Clerk at (608)767-4901 or 1210 Mills Street, Black Earth, Wisconsin, or by fax at 608-767-2064.
- This notice may be amended in order to comply with Wisconsin's Open Meetings law. If this notice is amended, the final notice will be posted and provided to the media no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting or no later than 2 hours prior to the meeting, in the event of an emergency.
- All items on the agenda may result in a recommendation for action to the full Village Board.

Zoom meeting attendance for Public Participation:

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

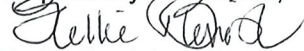


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MINUTES

1. **Call to Order.** Chair Brammerson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Roll Call and confirmation of Quorum.** Upon roll call present: Brammerson, Coyle, Statz, and Patchin. Quorum present. Also present: ACT Benish, PWD Kahl. Absent: Meagan Kahl
3. **PROOF OF POSTING:** A copy of the notice was delivered on 12/03/2021 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. Duly noticed.
4. **Approve Meeting Minutes from:** November 15, 2021. Patchin/Brammerson motioned to approve minutes as presented. Motion approved.
5. **Discussion/Action on Ice Rink.**
 - a. Patchin addressed the minutes not reflecting the recording of Community Park location for the ice rink. Minutes addressed a 60 x 100 size and not the 40 x 100 size he contacted company on.
 - b. ACT Benish reminded all that minutes are to record action of meeting and discussion of Community Park location occurred while ACT Benish was out of room to retrieve a document and discussion occurred with no notes. ACT Benish also stated the action/motion from agenda item did not include location. Location was previously approved at an earlier meeting. Minutes reflect the motion of approving PWD Kahl to work with Patchin to investigate liner/delivery time for a 60 x 100 with the company and authorize purchase not to exceed \$7500 utilizing park equipment funds in 2021 budget that was approved by all members. 60 x 100 has been ordered.
 - c. Location discussion: Location previously approved for Community Park in first year to see how the ground/grass would react after first year. Patchin – location at Comm. Park is too far out, traffic is fast, mischief easy. Let's make a statement and feature at Vet's Park.
 - i. Vet's Park:
 1. Tennis court is 60 x 120. Ice rink of 60 x 100 will be tight. Installation discussion and can we remove small section to make fit. Won't know until it comes in.
 2. Park near Center Street as an option. Grass damage concern. Discussion of grass damage at both parks and cost to repair.
- Patchin motioned to approve Vet's Park location as close to Center Street as possible. Discussion on changing liner width during set up to fit in tennis court area. Boards come in 5' x 16" sections and may be possible to adjust to fit. Motion rescinded.
- *Coyle/Patchin motioned to locate a 60 x 100 rink at Veteran's Park tennis court first. If that does not work, place in Veteran's Park closest to Center Street side. Motion approved unanimously.*
6. **Other items for future agenda discussion.** No future agenda items. ACT Benish did bring up that the Village received a grant she wrote for, just this morning from Sauk Prairie Healthcare in the amount of \$2500 written for the ice rink. This in combination with the League grant of \$950 received total \$3450 and brings the cost of the ice rink down to \$3505. Thank you to Sauk Prairie Healthcare. Monitoring activities is required by the grant.
7. **Setting of Next Meeting.** Next meeting is set for January 24, 2022 at 6 p.m.
8. **Adjournment of Parks, Grounds and Recreations Committee.** *Coyle/Patchin motioned to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6: 21 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,


Shellie Benish, WCMC
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF BLACK EARTH AND
GROUNDSWELL CONSERVANCY, INC.**

This Agreement is made this 1st day of June, 2021 by and between the Village of Black Earth, a Wisconsin municipal corporation (hereinafter the "Village") and Groundswell Conservancy, Inc., a Wisconsin non-stock corporation (hereinafter the "Conservancy").

WHEREAS, the ~1.3-acre Cooper Tracts (hereinafter the "Property" and generally depicted on the attached Exhibit A) are located adjacent to the Black Earth Creek and have the potential to provide public open space along the Creek and a point of access to the Creek for boaters and fishers;

WHEREAS, the Property is adjacent to public lands owned and managed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources as the Black Earth Creek Fishery Area, the goals of which include the protection of water quality by reducing erosion and run-off and the improvement of habitat and fishing opportunities;

WHEREAS, the Property is close to the boundary of the Dane County Black Earth Creek Natural Resource Area, the goals of which include the acquisition of lands that allow for low-impact, nature-based outdoor recreation development and use of natural resources;

WHEREAS, the goal of improving access to the Creek is included in the Village's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (originally approved May 1994 and amended August 2016 and April 2021);

WHEREAS, the Property owner has expressed interest is interested in selling the Property to the Conservancy and Village for conservancy purposes;

WHEREAS, the Village and the Conservancy desire to work cooperatively in order to complete the acquisition of the Property as part of the Village's park system;

WHEREAS, the Village and the Conservancy desire and intend to set forth the more specific terms under which they propose to cooperatively acquire the Property.

NOW THEREFORE, the Village and the Conservancy agree as follows:

GENERAL AGREEMENT

1. The Conservancy agrees to attempt to acquire the Property on behalf of the Village, including by the commissioning of an appraisal of the fair market value of the Property,

obtaining a legal description of the Property, commissioning a Phase I Environmental Hazards Assessment of the Property, ordering a title commitment for the Property, and obtaining a purchase agreement with the Landowner.

2. The Conservancy agrees to attempt to secure acquisition funds to purchase the Property from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program, the Dane County Conservation Fund, and/or other sources.

3. The Village and the Conservancy acknowledges that upon acquisition, the Property will be encumbered by deed restrictions to ensure that the Property is used only for conservation purposes.

4. If the Conservancy is successful at acquiring the Property, the Village agrees to accept donation of the Property, to remove buildings from the Property, and to prepare the Property for use as a public park and Creek access, including by preparation of a Land Management Plan.

5. Should the Village erect a sign on the Property regarding the name or other designation of the Property as part of the Village's park system, the Village agrees to include the logo of Groundswell Conservancy on the sign.

6. The Village and Conservancy agree to endeavor to complete the transactions identified in this Memorandum of Agreement by December 1, 2021.

7. This Memorandum of Agreement may be amended at any time by the agreement of both parties.

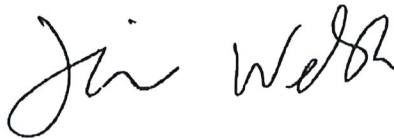
Dated this 1st day of June, 2021.

VILLAGE OF BLACK EARTH

By: 

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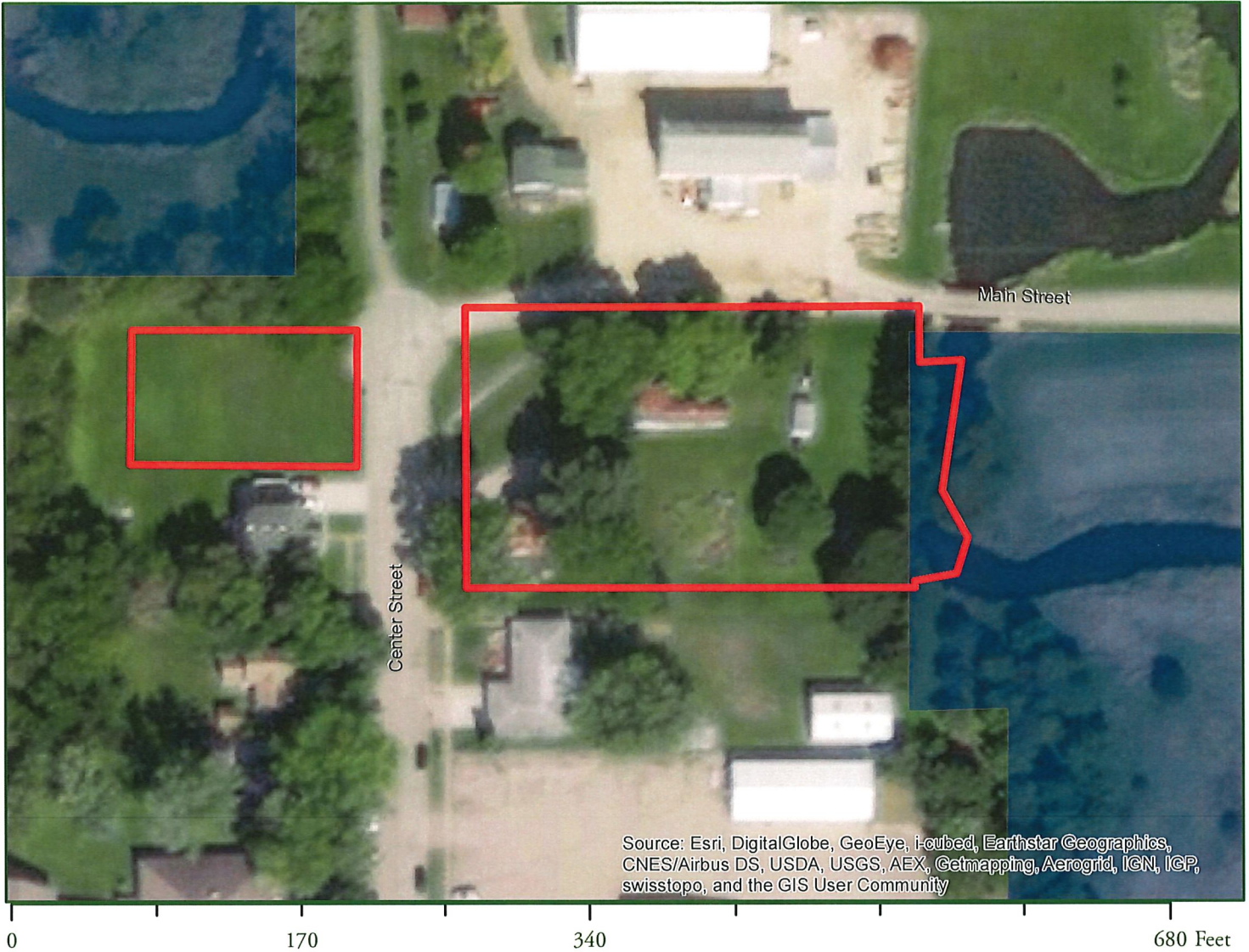
GROUNDSWELL CONSERVANCY

By: 

It's: Executive Director

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Exhibit A.



David D Cooper Rev Trust, Village of Black Earth

This map depicts the approximate location of the Cooper Parcels.

 DNR Lands