

Village of Lena
117 E. Main St., Lena, WI 54139
Park and Recreation Committee Minutes
Tuesday, November 28, 2023, 3:00 pm

Meeting was called to order.

Roll Call: Judy Patenaude, Amy Marquardt, Larry Sobeck, Steve Marquardt, Nick Heise

Also present: Jodi Marquardt

Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by A Marquardt/S Marquardt to approve the agenda as presented. Motion voted and carried.

Approval of Minutes from September 26, 2023, Meeting: Motion by Sobeck/A Marquardt to approve meeting minutes from September 26, 2023. Motion voted and carried.

Open Forum-No one present.

Pocket Parks: Informational Report of Pocket Parks.

- Veterans Park- No report
- Museum- Getting quote form Thomson Heating for a furnace and working on grants.
- Ball Diamond- Fields leveled and grass planted. This portion is complete with volunteer hours and volunteer equipment. Expense in fuel to complete the project. Quote reviewed from Becks Ornamental Turf for completion of infield. Discussion on grass or dirt. Leaning towards the grass infield. Lena Sod Farm donated planted dormant seed and will be supplying 2 loads of sod in spring with 2 additional loads needing to be purchased. The expense for field completion will be about \$25,000. Gravel is needed for the parking area. Consideration for a helipad landing area discussed. The youth coaches will be invited to the January meeting to update on progress and plan for the upcoming season with one completed field ready to play. Backstop and fencing discussion with Goeff Seefeldt stopping in during meeting to discuss Fortress Fence and educate the group on baseball diamond fencing. There is an option of netting or chain link fencing. Next phase of this area is a walking trail. The Demro family was contacted and is interested in talking about the trails through their woods area. There is great family and Village history in this area and would like to preserve the history and recognize their family.
- Fire Department Park- Need to determine the expense responsibility of the park.
- Ice Rink- A new liner was ordered at the cost of \$975. The Fire Dept has agreed to assist in the filling of the rink.

Fundraising: Jayme Sellen has secured a \$1500 grant and has applied to about 12 total. To date we have received a \$500 donation from the Oconto Falls Sportsman Club and \$1000 from the Bill Kramer estate.

Ball Diamond Land Lease: Hodkiewicz Harvesting has been leasing the land. Due to the ball diamond expansion, we cut 1 acre of the crops and are responsible for average market value for the early cutting in the amount of about \$1000. This changes the actual tillable acreage from 15 to 14 acres. The precise acreage will need to be determined and the clerk will contact USDA office for their assistance. In discussion, the Committee feels it is fair to increase the land rent for the tillable area. Motion by Heise/S Marquardt to notify Hodkiewicz of a 2025

contract price increase to \$250/acre. Motion voted and carried. Motion by S Marquardt/Sobeck to amend the current farm 2022-2024 lease with Hodkiewicz harvesting for 2024 with the accurate tillable acreage. Motion voted and carried.

Correspondence: None

Next Meeting: Next meeting Wednesday, December 13 at 3pm.

Adjournment: Next meeting- Sobeck to talk with Fortress Fencing for options

- Steve Marquardt to talk to Kelby Cook and NHC regarding ball diamond pavilion options.
- Clerk to contact USDA regarding actual tillable acreage for Rosera Business Park and prepare a letter to send to Hodkiewicz harvesting of the voted changes.

A Marquardt/Sobeck made a motion to adjourn at 5:12pm. Motion voted and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi A. Marquardt, Clerk/Treasurer