



## Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

May 24, 2021  
6:00 – 7:22 pm

**Present:** Commissioners Bird, Del Preto, Jeffery, Powers and Sokolowski.  
Staff: Executive Director Reuter, Director Rini, Bachewicz, Hamilton and Executive Assistant Greninger.  
Wight & Co: Bob Ijams, Patty King and Lara Remitz

**Topic:** **Community Park Master Plan Exercise**

Bob Ijams opened the meeting with welcome and request to give input during this exercise. We are here to survey the Board to gain an understanding on the features they would like to be included, enhanced or eliminated from Community Park.

Brenda Gramann was not able to attend, but emailed her response to the questionnaire which was submitted to Wight & Company for consideration.

1. Should existing amenities be included, enhanced or eliminated from the park?
  - Commissioner Jeffery would like to see multi-functional features, like combining tennis and pickle ball, basketball and volleyball.
  - Picnic shelters should be scattered throughout the park and have grills and hot coal bins. There could be smaller ones with up to four tables, but bigger ones to allow for rentals.
  - The restrooms need to be updated.
  - There is an existing trail, but it needs to be ADA compliant. There could be a half mile loop with smaller loops for kids to stay close.
2. Which amenities should be included in the master plan for Community Park?
  - Soccer and basketball seem like the most popular for this area.
  - Commissioner Del Preto said he has never seen anyone use the fitness equipment at Slepicka, but Commissioner Sokolowski said it would be good to include some options.
  - Swings and slides seem to be tried and true playground equipment. The playground should be visible from the sport fields and courts.
  - It would be nice to include Baggo near some of the picnic shelters.
  - Zip lines and ninja courses are very popular right now. Adding some of these features could make Community Park special.
  - Passive features like gardening might be popular for the senior but we don't want to create high maintenance for the Parks department.

- Fishing along the lake might be great if we cleared some of the brush and opened the area up to see across the lake.
  - The parking lot needs to be changed; perhaps add additional parking on the north side of the park by Gunderson.
3. Are there any programs that should be offered at Community Park?
    - Programming should be based on community needs.
    - The park is big enough to support; signage with map may be beneficial.
  4. How has your park and open space use changed since 2019?
    - Kids want open space to run and burn off energy. Parents should be able to spot kids from the apartments.
    - Lots of people are walking for exercise.
  5. If you and your household do not use Community Park, why not?
    - The park is located on the eastern edge of the village. Not convenient.
    - There is a negative perception at this location.
    - The park needs work.

Some general notes were added:

Open Space, small sided soccer (turf) on one of the Tennis Courts, possible gateway entrance. Police have been notified by ED Reuter in an effort to get the true statistics on the area. Homelessness, lighting and the new bicycle path being added by the Village were discussed.

Discussion on community meetings scheduled in June. There will be meetings at the Outreach Community Center. One session will be for kids only. Parents will have a chance to participate. There will be a virtual meeting; still planning something for the seniors. There will be a general community meeting on the tennis courts June 16 at 6pm and a Zoom meeting at 6pm on June 17 at 6pm. (link to follow).

There being no further business to discuss, the committee meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Reuter  
Executive Director