

**Sartell Park Commission**  
**September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015**

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Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the meeting of the Sartell Park Commission was held on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 at Sartell City Hall. David Lindbloom called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** David Lindbloom, Dennis Molitor, Diane Schellinger, Michael Burzette, Rachel Lolmasteymaugh

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Nate Keller, Community Development Technician  
Brad Borders, Public Works Director

**AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION**

A motion was made by Molitor and seconded by Schellinger to add item 4B. Wilds Development letter to the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

**SURVEY INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Commission reviewed the Neighborhood 6 Park survey data and discussed possible actions and recommendations, including:

- Discussion took place on the background to the survey, possible alternations to the survey, and the intent/goals of the survey. Keller discussed the improvements from the first survey to the current Neighborhood 6 survey including: the adding of more specific questions, adding pictures and list of amenities for each park. Keller explained the additional marketing and outreach efforts for the survey compared to last survey. Staff discussed the response rate and actions that could produce an even higher response rate.
- **Linear Park.** Discussion was made about possible improvements to Linear Park including:
  1. Enhanced crosswalks, signage to advertise the park is public not private, clean-up of the park along the riverbank, and promotion of the park better. Many residents do not know this is a park, or might think the park is on private property. Discussion was made about the safety of accessing the park. Many residents cited not feeling safe when crossing the street to access the park.
  2. Staff discussed potential improvements may be limited due to the County owning a fair amount of the right-of way along Riverside Dr/Co Rd 1.
- **Northside Park**
  1. Discussion was made about adding additional signs at the park to discourage unlawful behavior. Signs talked about included “under surveillance” “posting of park hours” and other “warning signs”.
  2. Staff also discussed talking with the Police Department about additional patrols or other strategies to create a “safer” atmosphere

3. Other improvements include maintenance of disc golf course, adding a long tee and short tee to the disc course, increased attention paid to garbage/litter issues, removal of dead trees, and adding an additional shelter.
- **Lions Park.** Discussion was made about potential improvements to Lions Park including:
    1. Adding interruptive signage, increased upkeep of plants, additional benches or seating areas.
  - **Rolling Meadows Park(s)** Discussion was made about potential improvements to the Rolling Meadows Park(s) including:
    1. Increased clean-up, the possibilities of having a small fishing pier, mowing or not mowing of Rolling Meadows North Park.
    2. There was also discussion of upgrading the park at Rolling Meadows East. Several comments were made of the surrounding parks (Lions, and Elementary School Park) and how those surrounding parks satisfy the need of a park with more equipment. Discussion was made on how the park equipment at Rolling Meadows East Park is more of a pit-stop for parents and their children and the need for additional equipment at the park is not needed due to equipment at adjacent parks.
  - **Tennis Courts.** The commission discussed the Tennis Courts located throughout the city's Park System and the pros and cons of each location and the condition of the court at that location. Much discussion was made about the costs of maintaining the court surfaces and other possible options at some of the tennis courts. Currently the city does not have one pickleball court. Discussion was made about the need for a pickleball court and the appropriate location of a pickleball court.
  - **Definition of a "park".** Discussion was made about the differences between a "regional" and a "neighborhood" park. Discussion was also made in regards to classification of the city's parks. Staff will look into revising the park map with different shades to show the three park classifications: Neighborhood Park, Regional Park, open space. Staff will also look into alternative methods of classification and what constitutes a "park".

### **ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Lolmasteymaugh and seconded by Schellinger to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes by:  
Nate Keller, Community Development Technician