

Sartell Park Commission
May 20, 2015

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the meeting of the Sartell Park Commission was held on May 20, 2015 at Sartell City Hall. David Lindbloom called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Lindbloom, Dennis Molitor & Diane Schellinger

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rachel Lolmasteymaugh

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Degiovanni, City Administrator

Brad Borders, Public Works Director

AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION

A motion was made by Molitor and seconded by Schellinger adopt the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

SURVEY INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Commission reviewed the Neighborhood 7 Park survey data and discussed possible actions and recommendations, including:

- Add more trees to Celebration Park, especially since it is an irrigated park and they have a higher likelihood of survival
- Cypress and Pine Tree Pond parks are both very nice with good park equipment, and public works department will check on whether mulch could be added at Pine Tree where it is fairly low.
- Fox Run of Avalon is the next identified priority in Park District 4 for additional equipment, but it was also planned to increase the size of that Park when the property to the west is platted. In the meantime, public works will take care of some of the maintenance items mentioned, and staff will seek ways to communicate the plans for that Park, as well as the overall plans/responses to the survey comments so that residents who took the time to give this feedback understand they were heard.
- Adding trees/shade at parks was mentioned numerous times in the survey, but public works has struggled to get some trees to survive in non-irrigated parks. Neighbors say they will water but it doesn't occur routinely enough. Consider how we can add trees or other shade, as well as benches based on survey input.
- Wilds Park still faces confusion about whether it is private or public, but continuing to update our Park information in the Resource Guide and online can help get the word out about what parts of this are public Park.
- The expense of installing and maintaining tennis courts and the amount of use they get was discussed. The Commission doesn't feel replacing the Wilds tennis court would be worth the cost, but if we eliminate that tennis court, we could focus on a nice half basketball court and pickle ball court instead.
- Add playground equipment at Pinecone Central Park – and consider adding at two different locations at a size/quality similar to what we have at Pine Tree Pond park rather than adding one really large playground complex.
- Staff should deliver a recommendations draft for their review and suggest it to Council for incorporation into budgets and capital/financial management plan with Park Commission

only attending Council meeting if Council has questions and wants to table it rather than accept the recommendation.

- Staff will also send Park Commission the neighborhoods map and configure a rotation that continues this practice of neighborhood surveys and Park Commission meetings two or three times per year to make recommendations and to ensure review of all parks is occurring every few years.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Schellinger and seconded by Molitor to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes by:
Mary Degiovanni, City Administrator