

Village of Edgar
Parks Commission
September 24, 2024
Edgar Village Hall

Call to Order – Roll Call: The committee meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mueller at 6:30 p.m. Members present in person: VanDerLeest, Bauman, Schroeder, Denfeld, Kralcik, and Lepak; via zoom: Schueller

Absent: Schroeder-Schuett, and Guenther

Guests: Administrator Lopez and Kevin O'Brien – Record Review in person and Gordon Krall via zoom

Approve Agenda: Motion by Schroeder/Denfeld to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

Maintenance Update: It was reported that the painting of the Oak Street Park Pavilion ceiling is nearly complete. WEL Companies generously donated the use of their lift. The Edgar Lions Club has agreed to reimburse the Village \$1,500 for the painting. The exterior staining project is also nearing completion. The lip and additional sod have been removed from the ball fields, and Marathon County will assist with grading the fields. Additional infield mix will be added. It was noted that it would be helpful to have power installed over to Field One for microphone use.

Scotch Creek Restoration: Former Edgar graduate Gordon Krall explained to the group how he has been working with the Village to restore Scotch Creek. The site is in critical need of restoration and enhancement to improve its ecological health and wildlife habitat value. The watershed and wetland ecosystems have suffered from various impairments, including phosphorus levels exceeding EPA safe limits for decades, physical impairments that have diminished aquatic and invertebrate life, invasive plants, sediment accumulation, and degraded wetland habitat conditions. These impairments have reduced the stream and wetlands' ability to support diverse wildlife, pollinators, native plant communities, and seasonal flood management for the Village. Efforts are underway to secure grants and form partnerships with private, corporate, and non-profit organizations. The first step is to work with an engineer to develop an implementation plan (IP), and a Surface Water Preapplication has been submitted to secure the necessary funds for this plan.

Ballpark Concession/Storage building: Motion Kralcik/Denfeld to move forward with developing a building design for a concession stand (including cooler space), ADA-compliant bathrooms, and storage for EATS equipment, as well as storage areas for the various entities that utilize the park. All ayes. Motion carried.

Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan: Motion Schroeder/Denfeld to approve the 2024-2028 Village of Edgar Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. All ayes. Motion carried.

2024 Holiday Lighting: The Lions will once again coordinate the lighting project. They plan to put up the lights on Saturday, October 26th, starting at 9:00 a.m., with a rain date of November 2nd at 9:00 a.m. They will be seeking volunteers to assist with the project.

Adjournment: Motion by Schroeder/VanDerLeest to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Rick Mueller
Chairperson

Jennifer Lopez
Village Administrator