

**Village of Holmen  
Park, Recreation, and Library Committee  
Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, July 10, 2019**

Committee Chairman Stanek called the Holmen Park, Recreation, and Library Committee meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. on July 10, 2019 at the Holmen Village Hall.

**Present:** Rod Stanek, Dawn Kulcinski, Mike Brogan, Chris Geary, Chris McArdle-Rojo

**Excused:** Scott Heinig, Brandon Cain

**Guests:** Patrick Barlow, Barbara Larson, Karen Eckert

Motion by Kulcinski, seconded by Stanek to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2019 meeting. Carried unanimously.

**Public Comment:** Barbara Larson of W7771 Van Dunk Pl. stated that there are many dog owners in the Village of Holmen and Town of Holland and that a dog park is needed in this area. Larson stated that she has been serving on the Dog Park Committee with the Town of Holland and the Town has committed \$10,000.00 toward a dog park if they can find another donor to match the \$10,000.00. Patrick Barlow stated that he believes that there is enough interest and dog owners in the Village of Holmen to support a dog park. Barlow stated that he would like to see the Village continue to study the idea of adding a dog park as the community continues to grow and that it would be a value to the residents of Holmen and people outside of the community. Karen Eckert of 122 Lake St. stated that she has been in contact with the group that created dog parks in Dane County and said that they would be willing to come to Holmen to meet with the committee to discuss ideas and strategies of implementing a dog park in the area.

**Library Director's monthly report:** McArdle-Rojo distributed the monthly statistics report to the committee. June 2019 had a door count of 19,275, compared to 17,912 in 2018. McArdle-Rojo stated that the Library hosted the first teen movie night recently and had 25 kids stop by. Kulcinski commended McArdle-Rojo and the Library staff for the creation of the teen movie nights. McArdle-Rojo stated that the Library continues to have a great relationship with the YMCA Surround Care program and they bring a group over almost every day.

**Park and Recreation Director's monthly report:**

**Recreation:** Brogan stated that most programs are at their mid-points and end in late July. Brogan informed the committee of the upcoming programs which include: session #3 of fitness classes, arts & crafts, movie night #2, and National Night Out on August 6<sup>th</sup>. Brogan stated that there will be a pickleball grand opening on July 13<sup>th</sup> at the Remington Hills Park pickleball courts. Brogan stated that three other Learn to Play Pickleball classes have recently been added. Brogan informed the committee of the upcoming tournaments at Deerwood Park which include July 12-14 (baseball 10U & 13U), July 19-21 (softball 18U, 14U, 12U, 10U) and July 26-28 (baseball 8U). Brogan stated that the Fall & Winter Brochure needs to be prepared and will be distributed in late-August.

**Park:** Brogan informed the committee of the upcoming bandshell events which include: TUGG – July 14<sup>th</sup>, Radio Waves – July 21<sup>st</sup>, Pigtown Fling – July 28<sup>th</sup>. Brogan stated that the department has received \$2,000.00 from the Holmen Rotary for sponsorship of the bike fix-it station to be located at Halfway Creek Trail between the Library and Halfway Creek Park.

**Pool:** Brogan stated that in the past month the pool hosted a swim meet on June 15<sup>th</sup> and pool party on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Upcoming events include a pool party on July 17<sup>th</sup> and the annual Kid's Carnival on August 14<sup>th</sup>.

Brogan stated the August meeting will discuss 2020 budget priorities.

The committee discussed the possibility of a dog park for the future. Trustee Kulcinski stated that it would be best to wait until the Village has the land before we go through with any ideas for putting in a dog park. Chairman Stanek asked if Town of Holland currently has the land for a dog park. Larson stated that Town of Holland currently has two acres that could potentially be used for a dog park. Larson stated that the Town of Holland has already pledged \$10,000.00 to the dog park if they can find another donor to match the \$10,000.00. Eckert stated that she believes that two acres is too small for a dog park.

Trustee Kulcinski stated that it would be best to find an area that would have enough room and would benefit everyone. Chairman Stanek stated that it may be something that the Village would have to plan for in future developments because the land is not there right now. Brogan stated that other issues to think about would be fencing around the park, getting water to the park and maintaining the park. Larson stated that she knows a couple people that may be willing to donate or sell some land for a dog park. Kulcinski recommended that they set up an appointment with Scott Heinig to discuss these ideas further.

**Other Business:** None

Motion by Kulcinski, second by Stanek to adjourn at 5:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Chris Geary  
Asst. Park & Recreation Director