

Village of Howard City
Park and Rec Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm. Members present: Cheryl Scott, Randy Heckman, Mike Falcon. Members absent: Janice Williams. Others present: Brandy Antor.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Mr. Falcon started the meeting stating we are going to resurrect the committee in order to get things going for the Village. This is the first meeting in 15 years. Mr. Falcon stated that he will recommend to the Village Council to appoint Brandy Antor to the Park and Rec Committee.

Mr. Falcon informed the committee that our current Park and Rec plan is due to be reviewed in 2019. He would like everyone to think about what the Village should work toward within the next 4-6 years and will send a complete copy of the plan to everyone to look over.

Mr. Falcon asked Brandy Antor for her opinion regarding a skate park and where in the Village would be the best place to have the park. Ms. Antor said there is a dirt hill by the library between the White Pine Trail and Cass Street. Ms. Antor would like to have the park accessible for skateboards and BMX and will provide pictures of different parks she has visited to give the committee an idea of what her thoughts are on this issue. Ms. Antor has done some cost research and has a conservative estimate of \$30 per square foot to build. Mr. Falcon also suggested the possibility of utilizing Peck Park for this purpose as this park has not been used to its full potential. More will be discussed in the next meeting.

Mr. Falcon would like the committee to think about utilizing the new baseball/softball fields. Mr. Falcon would like to figure out pricing for renting the fields next year so we are able to maintain the fields and keep them in good shape.

Mr. Falcon informed the committee that he was able to get a grant from the Community Fund to replace the roof on the pavilion at Ensley Park. The DPW department will be doing some of the work and Karn's Construction will be doing the rest. Mr. Falcon is hoping to have a timeframe for next spring to start on the project.

Mr. Falcon stated that we still need people for this committee and encouraged the members to look for others who would be willing to get involved. The next meeting was set for November 1, 2017, at 2 pm.

Motion by Falcon seconded by Scott to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 pm.

Melissa Kuzmik, Clerk

Michael Falcon, Village Manager