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UNAPPROVED

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson James Schara at 6:30 p.m.

Excused - Terry Wagner

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS

Barbara Saliek-Schaefer, N65 W5700 Columbia Rd., explained that 178 pickleball lessons were

given this summer and many more players are inquiring about lessons. She would like pickleball lines painted on the tennis court and portable nets to use on that court. Also, she wants to see Adlai Horn courts to be solely pickleball and Zeunert Park courts to be solely tennis eventually.

Mary Chemotti, N94 W6534 Fieldcrest St., explained that she is a tennis player and expressed concern over painting pickleball lines on the tennis courts. She said it would be too confusing for tennis players. She also mentioned that the courts at Zeunert Park need to be repaired because they are currently not playable. Her tennis group has not been able to play in Cedarburg for the past few years because of the lack of tennis courts and availability in the City.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss 2020 Budget; and Action Thereon

Director Hilvo thoroughly explained the detailed 2020 budget to the Board and went through the budget packet that was given to all Board members. He explained that there is currently a 1.72% increase in the budget, but this could change depending on the price of future utilities.

Paul Rushing expressed his concern about spending \$0 on tree planting and not planting any new trees next year. He believes that there will be a big hole from removing dead trees and not planting new trees in their place.

Motion made by Paul Rushing, seconded by Glenn Herold, to recommend that the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Board budget be increased by \$20,000 for placement of trees and supplies in 2020. Motion failed with Paul Rushing, Glenn Herold, and Dave Polacek in favor, Council Member Verhaalen, Brian Clement and James Schara opposed, and Terry Wagner excused

Consider Pickleball Court Priority Play Schedule; and Action Thereon

Director Hilvo explained that the Pickleball Advisory Committee is requesting a sign be put up at the Adlai Horn Park pickleball courts with a priority play schedule. He explained that the signage would be helpful for all levels and that the Parks and Recreation Department have no objections to a sign being put up. Director Hilvo also thanked the advisory committee for all the suggestions they have given to help get these pickleball courts built.

Council Member Verhaalen was concerned about restrictions and specific play level times. He believed that these may alienate and cause players not in those skill levels to stay away from the courts on certain days and times. Members of the advisory committee mentioned that it is not restricted and that anyone is welcome to play. It is meant to be more of a guideline to help organize drop-in play. Council Member Verhaalen recommended that they keep doing what they are currently doing without specific signage at the courts. He also said the Parks and Recreation webpage could add a link to the pickleball group page for more information.

Glenn Herold inquired about how player skill levels are defined and the advisory committee said they are defined by certain skills and where the player is comfortable to play.

Paul Rushing asked if there is any data about the amount of tennis and pickleball players in Cedarburg. He also explained that he believes that it is not the City of Cedarburg's obligation to make rules and times restrictions on the courts, as the City only provides the facilities.

The Board agreed that the Pickleball Advisory Committee should continue what they have been doing in the past without additional signage at the courts. They also recommended that a link to their webpage be added to the Parks and Recreation website.

REPORTS

Director Hilvo reported on the gazebo in Centennial Park.

Supervisor Friess gave updates on youth flag football, the Fall/Winter Spring activity guide, youth soccer and Summer playground camp.

Superintendent Westphal reported on stump removals, storm calls, service request pruning, the dead tree survey, stump grinding and tree watering.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Council Member Rick Verhaalen, seconded by Dave Polacek, to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. Motion carried without a negative vote with Terry Wagner excused.

Danny Friess
Recreation Supervisor