

City of Fox Lake
Committee of the Whole Synopsis
Aug 19, 2020

The Aug 19, 2020 committee of the whole meeting was called to order at 6:46 pm by Mayor Tom Bednarek, following a special council meeting, in the community center. Those in attendance were alderpersons John Mund, Dan Ault, Dennis Linke, Peter Hartzheim, Robert Jenswold and Don Zilewicz. Also attending were city attorney Mike Devitt, public works superintendent Gene Huettner and city clerk Jenny Quirk. Becky Bussian, Kathy Jenswold, Laurie Hopp and Bob Dolan were in the audience.

Public Works

Huettner stated he is working on getting a date set for a City-wide curbside bulk garbage pick-up in Sept or Oct. The date would be determined by the availability of Advanced Disposal. When a date is determined it will be noted on the water bills being mailed out in Sept as well as on the FB page.

Mund asked for follow up regarding the moving of the planter on the SW corner of College and State St. to allow more access for persons with wheelchairs to better reach the crosswalk button. Huettner confirmed it had been moved to allow for accessibility.

Building & Parks

Discussion regarding what to do with the old playground equipment from Crocker St. Park. The Mayor questioned if it would be good enough to be moved to another City park? Huettner explained that it was rather worn and would require work to restore. Hartzheim suggested it be auctioned off or sold on-line, Huettner agreed.

Becky Bussian and Laurie Hopp spoke regarding the Crocker St. Park pavilion plan. Ergo Bank is planning to donate a sum of \$4000 towards the building of the pavilion and asked to have it named Ergo Bank Pavilion. Bussian and Hopp provided the building plan and cost estimates for the pavilion as well as the estimate for the cement work. They noted there would be no need for funds from the City, as they have enough people willing to donate. They will also have a tree donation for the park and agreed to work with Huettner to decide on the trees to plant. They asked for permission to build the pavilion and to decide where it would be place. It was approved for building and they agreed to work with Huettner to choose the appropriate placement with considerations to property setbacks.

License & Finance

The Mayor addressed the committee to be aware of the proposed timeline for the 2021 budget process as noted in the handout from the treasurer and administrator.

The Mayor spoke on the proposed downtown tax increment finance district program. He explained that it will be a large expense to set up and maintain an additional TID district. Our downtown is close enough to already establish TID districts that can be extended to cover this area.

Cemetery, recycling & transfer station

Discussion about signs for the cemetery entrances showing a closing time. Huettner reported that there has been damage to the cemetery lawn in the night. It was also pointed out that it would be easier to enforce the cemetery closing time if it were posted at the driveways. The Mayor asked Huettner to look into what can be done about this.

With no other business to come before the committee of the whole, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.