

Parks, Recreation and Forestry – March 17, 2009

The following media were noticed relative to this meeting per the Open Meeting Law of the State of WI: The Ozaukee Press, Port Washington; The Milwaukee Journal (Ozaukee and Washington Desk); The Sheboygan Press, Sheboygan. In addition, a copy of the agenda was also posted at the following locations within the Village of Belgium: Belgium Village Hall, Belgium Post Office, Port Washington State Bank (Belgium Office), Harris Bank (Belgium Office) and Belgium Hardware and Beverage.

Call to Order, Roll Call, Establishment of a Quorum:

Chairman Dale Pfeifer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Trustees Clem Gottsacker and Ronald Weyker. None were absent. A quorum was declared established. Also present were Daniel Birenbaum – DPW & Water Superintendent, Donald Bystricky, Belgium Lions Club, and Jim Lautenschlaeger, Chris Schmidt, and Rachel Weyker all of the Belgium Athletic Association.

Open Meeting Law Compliance Check

Yes, this meeting is in compliance.

Pledge to Flag, Moment of Silence

Announcement of Closed Session (if any)

None

Announcements:

None

Action Items:

None

Old Business:

- **2009 Budget Review** – A motion was made by Ronald Weyker and seconded by Clem Gottsacker to move the 2009 Budget Review to the end of the agenda. The Committee was polled: ayes – Pfeifer, Weyker, Gottsacker; noes – none; abstain – none. Motion carried.
- **DPW Update** – DPW Superintendent Birenbaum noted that Heritage Park may need additional stadium dirt due to settling. Heritage Park will also need portable restrooms during the athletic seasons. Superintendent Birenbaum will obtain costs on portable restrooms for presentation at a future meeting. The line striper which was purchased in 2008 will be used this summer. All parks will need general maintenance.
- **Belgium Fire Department (use of park) – Friday Night Softball** – The annual meeting is upcoming. The number of teams for this year is undetermined. There were six teams in 2008.

- **Belgium Athletic Association (use of park, insurance)** – Chris Schmidt reported that there are currently 194 children registered for Little League. There is another registration date upcoming. Last year the number of registered children was 300. Trustee Weyker reiterated the requirement of signed waiver forms being completed and delivered to Village Hall. Trustee Gottsacker noted safety equipment must be used.
- **Tree Board Update** – Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Jamie Cecil noted there is an upcoming Arbor Day Celebration on April 25<sup>th</sup> at Community Park at 9 a.m. Activities include saplings being handed out, presentation of the Tree City USA designation, a tree trimming demonstration and a tree planting.
- **Hiking Trail Status** – Trustee Weyker would like grants researched for this project. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Cecil noted the Park Plan needs to be updated. Trustee Weyker requested that the Village Engineer be contacted in regard to updating the Park Plan.

- **Heritage Park Status**

- **Bleachers** – Superintendent Birenbaum has obtained a quote for aluminum bleachers. The bleachers would have 5 rows and be 18 feet long. The cost is \$3,637 each including total freight charges of \$560. It would take 2-3 weeks to get the bleachers from the date of order.

Trustee Weyker noted that \$16,000 had been budgeted for the purchase and if Superintendent Birenbaum can find a cheaper alternative to move forward with the less costly of the two. A motion was made by Ronald Weyker and seconded by Clem Gottsacker to recommend to the Village Board to approve the purchase of four bleachers per the Capital Plan Budget for Heritage Park in an amount not to exceed \$14,548. The Committee was polled: ayes – Pfeifer, Weyker, Gottsacker; noes – none; abstain – none. Motion carried.

- **Game Schedule** – Rachel Weyker, Belgium Athletic Association, will forward Little League Schedules and any subsequent revisions. Ms. Weyker also suggested the Committee look at obtaining a flip-style scoreboard in the event that scoreboards cannot be purchased for Heritage Park in the immediate future.
- **Belgium Lions – Refreshment Stand** – Belgium Lions member Don Bystricky presented preliminary plans for the proposed Concession Stand. The Concession area would measure 26' x 38'. The bathrooms would measure 24' x 26' each which were modeled after the restrooms used at the new Random Lake facility. Between the restrooms there would be a 3' – 4' room for plumbing access.

The total depth of the building would be 64' with a 4' overhang for the concession area and six concession windows. Any donations or time or materials would be accepted. Mr. Bystricky will be meeting a potential architect in the near future and may be able to obtain an estimated cost from the architect. The project is planned to be built in fall 2009.

#### New Business:

- **2009 Flag Football** – Jim Lautenschlaeger, Belgium Athletic Association is planning to run another season of Flag Football. Last year the children were divided into two groups: K4, K5 and 1<sup>st</sup> grade, and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade. The 2008 season ran for eight weeks from September 13<sup>th</sup> until November 1<sup>st</sup>. The planned schedule for 2009 will be each Saturday from 3:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. A set schedule will be forwarded to Village Hall when it is available.

Mr. Lautenschlaeger said his only issue last season was finding consistent coaches, but overall everything ran well. This year he would like to have forms available for pick up and drop off at Village Hall.

- **Broncos Football** – The 2008 season of Broncos Football had 95 kids from 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The 2009 start date is scheduled to be Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> with practice running from 8 a.m. until Noon. The following three weeks would have practice 5 days a week from Monday through Friday, 5:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. During school the practices would be Tuesday and Thursday nights only from 5:00 p.m. until approximately 7:30 p.m. depending on the amount of daylight. Games would continue to be played in Cedar Grove.

Broncos may look at purchasing goal posts as well as a small 10' x 10' shed for storage. If the Village would agree to making the location a permanent practice facility for the Broncos, they would consider building a permanent structure for storage which would potentially be used as storage for the other athletic organizations.

Trustee Weyker noted the practice field is not crowned and the Village does not have funds to crown the field at this time. The Broncos are pleased with the field as is for a practice field. Additionally, the Broncos may want to use the field for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade scrimmage, but the date is not set and they would need access to electricity.

- **Girls Fast-pitch Softball** – Dan Coopman, Athletic Director for Cedar Grove-Belgium School District has an updated schedule. The Belgium Athletic Association representative on this matter was not in attendance. Chris Schmidt noted it did not appear to conflict with any other activity.

#### Adjournment:

A motion was made by Clem Gottsacker and seconded by Ronald Weyker to adjourn the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Committee at 8:38 p.m. The Committee was polled: ayes – Pfeifer, Weyker, Gottsacker; noes – none; abstain – none. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie L. Cecil  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer