

FHT Parks & Recreation Commission
Joint Meeting
Village of Bellaire Parks & Recreation Commission
MEETING MINUTES: November 1, 2023 at 5:15 PM

Members present: Paul Trumble, Sheryl Guy, Dean Crandall and Christina Kretschmer.

Absent George Schneller.

Village members present: Tricia Drollinger, Bradley Keiser, Patrick Boyd and Helen Schuckel.

The Chair Guy called the work-session to order at 5:15 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

Guy opened discussion as follows:

Richardi Park Reimagining Five-Year Recreation Plan (Park Design Plan & Community Open House Summary Report) created jointly with by Williams & Works.

Forest Home Township Parks & Recreation Plan a Five-Year 2024-2028 created jointly with commission and Williams & Works.

Village members input:

- Community input open houses held for both plans.
- Village has no timeline.
- Village has no seed money or funds set aside to begin a timeline.
 - Priorities park maintenance and redesign of the entrance, new fencing, add walkways to complement the space, improve basketball courts, improve tennis courts for multi-use for pickle ball courts, new playground equipment, add splash pad, design contains and open space for an amphitheater.
 - An overall creating a multi-use attraction for all ages.

FHT members input:

- Concerned that plans appear to have similarities and even some duplications.
- Best uses for the new site known as “The Meadows”
- Plan to construct a pavilion, add a couple of grills and picnic tables.
- Walking paths, some playground equipment, pickle ball courts.
- Enough attractions to put into use by the public, such as adults and soccer families.

Both commissions:

- Agreed to support one another in future efforts to apply for funding such as grants and or donations.
- That both parks contain unique and different attractions for public use based on natural surroundings.
- Attempt to prevent duplications.

OTHER:

Mr. Boyd brought up the future of a Central Lake to Bellaire trail for biking, walkers and runners.

All in attendance thanked all for having joint work-session and consider meeting yearly.

Ms. Drollinger requested a copy of the notes from this meeting for the Village records.

The work-session ended at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sheryl Guy Chairperson