

**Village of Egg Harbor**  
**Parks and Public Works Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, January 8, 2014 – 1:00 P.M.

Paul J. Bertschinger Community Center  
7860 STH Hwy 42, Egg Harbor, WI 54209

**1. Call to order and adopt agenda**

Van Lieshout called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. Those in attendance were Pam Wegner, Don Helm, Kaaren Northrop, Jeff Meyer, Josh Van Lieshout and Lynn Ohnesorge. Also in attendance T.C. Johnson.

Northrop made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented, second by Wegner, motion carried.

**2. Open Session**

Wegner stated that Bird City will be making a presentation to the Village Board on Monday, January 13, 2014. The Festival of Nature is at ridges on Memorial Day Weekend and the Migratory bird festival will be that Sunday. They will be bringing a raptor presenter with an eagle. A new application to be a Bird City has been filed and haven't heard if it has passed yet. They will be asking the Village Board to expand the charter to the county. Bird City is working with the Door County Visitor Bureau to get maps for birding. Discussed the time of the Parks & Public Works meetings.

**3. Approval of December 4, 2013 Parks and Public Works Committee meeting minutes**

Wegner Made a motion to approve the minutes from December 4, 2013, second by Northrop, motion carried.

The Fall 50 will be a very big event so there will be deputy by G & 42 intersection.

**4. Village Center/Library update**

The Cowles Ad-Hoc is through the stage of developing asking materials and is at the asking stage. Volunteer will be out asking. This is all new to the group. Van Lieshout will be beginning the grant writing process. The feedback from the community is supportive. Van Lieshout stated that the building in 2014 will not happen. They will have probably only half of the funding by then. The next 3 months will be telling.

**5. Beach View Park Improvements Update**

A commitment was made to work on the upper terrace. The next step is to see what needs to be changed in the McMahon plans. Wegner asked that they look at the original stone work currently in the park as a group. The bike pavilion is a place to pull up and look at bike maps and information with a roof. Northrop expressed that the money spent in the parks improvements is well spent & very valuable for all. Money for the library will be all donations, not tax payer's money. Johnson stated he doesn't like the look of the kayaks and boats in front of the concessions building, he would like it moved behind the concessions building. Van Lieshout needs to look into moving the kayaks to a less visible area and the sailboats won't be back this year.

Johnson presented two ideas of Pergola swings. Committee discussed putting swings instead of benches on the upper terrace. Van Lieshout inquired with Meyer if Public Works can produce swings. Meyer stated he could. The Committee asked Meyer to get prices on swings. The time frame to get the swings

done is by July 4, 2014. Committee asked Meyer to come up with a design for swings with stone veneer on bottom of frames.

Northrop motioned to approve the beach plan with kayaks spot to be determined, a written objection of historic masonry and include swings in the seat wall instead of benches, second by Wegner, motion carried.

### **Harbor View Park Updates.**

Wegner inquired if the cedar trees that need to come down can wait till spring since little critters are probably using it as a home right now. Northrop asked if the Village would borrow money to do these projects. Van Lieshout said not in the next 5 years. The debt levy would exceed the operating levy. Put on the agenda implementing strategy. Northrop asked if there was a way to manage grants or hire a grant writer. Van Lieshout stated it wouldn't be worth hiring someone and he would be the grant writer. Please include this in the next meeting. This would be a window of opportunity to get people here since Sister Bay will be a mess for the next two years. Egg Harbor is growing and this would draw people to want to live here.

Wegner Motioned made to approve the Harbor view plans as presented, second by Northrop, Motion carried.

### **6. Update on Parks and Public Works Projects**

The big sign by the Bertschinger Center will be improved and have a triangle wood top and wood post along both sides added. Northrop stated someone should Inquire with Bertschinger for a donation for this. Wegner asked about ropes & posts being removed by sign. The Committee asked them to be taken out this spring. Meyers stated he could do this. Public works is working on a conference table. They need to wax the floors in the Bertschinger center. They have lots of egg stands put together.

### **7. Bird Viewing Platform at Nature Park**

Discussion on putting a Bird viewing platform on the trail alongside county road G, 1/3 of the way North. Committee discussed size, 10' x 12'. Bigger would draw parties. Helm asked what happened to the plans for the totem pole along the trail. They are waiting for a tree to die. The viewing platform doesn't fit in the budget, but Van Lieshout will make it fit. Wegner inquired about benches on platform. Meyer stated he had designed to incorporate etched silhouettes of birds on deck with the names of the birds. Paul Reneer could let us know which birds.

### **8. Correspondence**

None

### **9. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be February 5, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.

### **10. Adjourn**

Wegner made a motion to adjourn at 2:18 p.m., second by Northrop, motion carried.