

# Town of New Chicago

## Parks Board Meeting Agenda

**DATE:** 1/3/2023

**Start Meeting:** Meeting started at 6:00pm.

### **Roll Call:**

Kim Krikava - Absent

Joe Bachman - Present

Trilaina Bachman - Present

Morgan McCabe - Present

Dave Anderson (Council Member Liaison) - Absent

### **Reorganization:**

- **Parks Board President – Member Morgan McCabe nominated Joe Bachman. No other nominations for board president. All members voted in the affirmative for this nomination. Joe Bachman is now the Parks Board President for the 2023 calendar year.**
- **Parks Board Vice-President – Parks Board President Joe Bachman nominated Member Morgan McCabe as Parks Board Vice President. No other nominations were heard. All members voted in the affirmative for this nomination. Morgan McCabe is now the Parks Board Vice President for the 2023 calendar year.**

**Appointments: Secretary – Parks Board President Joe Bachman appointed Member Kim Krikava as the Parks Board Secretary. There were no objections from any board members regarding this appointment. Kim Krikava will be the Parks Board Secretary for the 2023 calendar year.**

**Minutes:** December Meeting Minutes – Vice President McCabe made the motion to accept the December Meeting Minutes. Member Trilaina Bachman seconded the motion. All members voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

**Ordinance: None**

### **Old Business:**

- 5 Year Master Plan
  - The first draft of the master plan is just about ready to be sent in. Expecting the first draft to be sent in early next week after the last bit of information is compiled for the report.
- New Sign at Twin Oaks Park
  - This is being held for discussion until Spring.
- Holiday Song Event
  - The board members agreed the event was fun and that we would look at possibly doing it again next year with a bit of a revamp.
- Mulch for Playground Areas
  - After discussion of cost and a few other factors, this is being held for the next meeting for further discussion after more research has taken place.
- Winter Park Closure
  - All pipes have been winterized as best as possible to hopefully avoid any damage over the winter. TLC Plumbing will be back in the spring to “De-winterize” the park and fix a few other leaks that were found

during the winterization of the park.

**New Business:**

- **Easter Egg Hunt**
  - We will be doing an inventory of the supplies we have to see what needs to be ordered in February. We are planning to fill the eggs on Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6pm. We will be reaching out to Tara Pelfrey again to see if she would like to do the prizes for the kids. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 with a rain date of April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 if severe weather is happening on April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Rummage in the Park 2023**
  - The first Rummage in the Park will be held on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 from 9am to 3pm or possibly later if there is still a large crowd. Vendors will be allowed to start setting up at 7am. Rain date for this event will be June 4<sup>th</sup>. We will be doing 10x10 spots for \$15 for New Chicago Residents and \$20 for non-residents. 10x20 spots will be \$25 for residents and \$35 for non-residents.
- **Shakespeare in the Park**
  - There is interest is trying to do Shakespeare in the Park this year since last year was rained out. Vice President McCabe will be looking into available dates and seeing if it would be possible to schedule a rain date.

**Legal Reports: None**

**Announcements: Charlotte's Web will be taking place on Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the Lake Station-New Chicago Public Library.**

**Other Business: None**

**5 Year Master Plan Public Hearing:**

- **No members of the community attended this hearing.**
- **1 member of the community, Tony Martin, did submit a letter to the Parks Board with what they felt should be on our radar for projects to complete.**
- **A second Public Hearing will be taking place on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7pm to try to receive public feedback on this project.**

**Open Forum for community (3 mins per person): No public present.**

**Comments from Board Members:**

- **VP McCabe requested that the River Forest NHS be added to the February agenda so that we may talk with them about the Dark in the Park event from last year and talk about other upcoming projects.**
- **VP McCabe also suggested looking into doing cornhole tournaments. President Bachman will be looking into the prices of boards and bags for this. More details to come in future meetings.**

**Adjournment:** Member Trilaina Bachman made the motion to adjourn. VP McCabe seconded the motion. Meeting ended at 8:15pm.