

PLANNING COMMISSION
JUNE 21, 2017

The Village of Combined Locks Planning Commission meeting was called to order by Commission Chairman Al Leicht. Other commission members in attendance included: Dave Casper, Tracy Melzl, Cathy Vander Zanden, Tim Mulry, and Jeff Maynard. John Weyenberg, Jim Hamilton, Karen Menting, and Michael Korn were absent.

Also in attendance were: Village Administrator Racquel Shampo-Giese, residents Pam DeValk, Amber Killian and Rodney Jansen.

The first item on the agenda was to review and consider approval of the May meeting minutes. C. Vander Zanden made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. T. Melzl seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to review the Van Zeeland Park survey responses. The Administrator reminded the attendees that Van Zeeland Park improvements has been on the parks plan for several years. The survey was sent out to confirm that the Planning Commission's wishes matched the residents' wishes for the park. The results show that residents are in agreement with the need for some improvements to Van Zeeland Park. Two specific items mentioned are to get the bathrooms, shelter and playground equipment closer together and to maximize the use of the green space. The residents explained that whatever changes are made, they don't want a traffic flow and congestion issue to be a problem on Kamps Court. Ideas discussed included: improved accessibility to shelter, keep large mature trees, expand the Darboy Road entrance parking lot, and build a partially enclosed shelter. The Planning Commission will begin drafting a concept plan and share it with the residents. It was noted that residents are always welcome to attend the Planning Commission meetings. Meeting dates and agendas are posted on the Village website: www.combinedlocks.org

The next item on the agenda was to review and consider recommendation of an Eagle Scout Project for identification signs on the walking trails. T. Mulry explained that one of the recommendations from the America in Bloom judges and local naturalists is to create animal, tree, plant, and flower identification signs along the walking trails. Three larger signs that summarize what trail users will see and several smaller, more specific signs are proposed. The matter was discussed. D. Casper made a motion to recommend approval of the signs as discussed. C. Vander Zanden seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

In other general business, A. Leicht reported that he, T. Mulry, R. Shampo-Giese, and representatives of Appleton Coated walked the area between Wallace Street and Prospect Street that can be used for a walking trail extension. The Appleton Coated representatives were very supportive of this idea, and the Administrator was asked to get liability information from the insurance company and attorney.

T. Mulry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. J. Maynard seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.