

PLAN COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 13, 2019

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

Also in attendance were Village Administrator Racquel Shampo-Giese, DPW employees Keith Weyenberg and Kevin Carney, and SEH representatives Trevor Frank, Nate Day, and Caitlyn Blue.

The first item on the agenda had been to walk through Van Zeeland and Lindberg Parks and make notes for additional discussion. The walk through was canceled due to inclement weather.

The next item on the agenda was to review and consider approval of the October 16th meeting minutes. J. Weyenberg made a motion to approve the minutes. J. Maynard seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to review the parks planning project scope and parks existing conditions with SEH representatives. Chairman Leicht reminded everyone of the history of efforts to upgrade Van Zeeland Park and Lindberg Park. Trevor Frank then introduced himself and provided a brief recap of the RFP. Caitlyn Blue and Nate Day also introduced themselves and explained the roles they will have as part of this parks planning project. Mr. Day then reviewed the timeline and suggested a modification that would take the project's finish line into July 2020. The group then dove into detailed discussion about the history of the parks, visions for the parks, topography advantages and disadvantages, legacy structures, parks uses for multiple ages, visibility of trails and trail connections, natural amenities, regular park users (organizations and private parties), storm water issues, driveways and parking lot locations, impacts that park activities have on neighbors, poured rubber park surfaces versus wood chips, and other strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges for each park.

The next item on the agenda was to identify the next steps for parks planning. The SEH representatives asked commission members to identify stakeholders who the representatives could interview over the next month. Groups and individuals were identified and contact information will be passed on as it is known. An invitation to the public will be published in the December 2019 newsletter. It was also noted that the DPW staff will begin sharing utility, topography and current structure information with the SEH representatives.

The next Plan Commission meeting was tentatively scheduled for 12/11/19.

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