

CITY OF ELKHORN
Municipal Services and Utilities Committee Minutes
First Floor Conference Room, 9 S. Broad Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin

January 25, 2016

Municipal Services and Utilities Committee was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Alderman Huss followed by Roll Call.

Roll Call

Present: Aldermen Gregory Huss, Michael Kluck, Hoss Rehberg

Also present: Mayor Brian Olson, Alderman Scott McClory, Administrator Sam Tapson, City Clerk Cairie Virrueta, Public Works Operations Manager Marty Nuss, Recreation Director Wendy Meyer, City Engineer Paul Vanhenkelum, and Elkhorn Newspaper Correspondent Kellen Olshefski

Continued Discussion on Improvements at Tasch Park and Sunset Park

DPW Manager said dollar comparisons were provided in the packet. Mayor Olson said they wanted hard numbers and why a gazebo, lighting and sidewalks were included but not previously discussed. DPW Manager Nuss said items were included for consideration to make it a neighborhood type park. Mayor Olson asked what the deconstruction costs were for Tasch; Nuss said it was to remove fences and DPW would do it. Alderman McClory asked what happened to the original vote and was concerned with engineer costs spent for plan with 2 T-ball fields at Tasch. Administrator Tapson said he may have missed discussions and costs were found to be higher than expected for the former plan. The current plan offers more improvements for Tasch and Sunset for less money. Alderman McClory said people in his district would prefer to walk their kids to Tasch rather than go across town to Sunset. Mayor Olson asked if issues with rocks showing at Sunset was addressed; Nuss said yes and the North field drainage issue could also be considered. Rec Director Meyer handed out information showing that a large number of teams need to use T-ball fields; she preferred that two T-ball fields be constructed at Sunset to centralize playing fields and so the concession stand could be utilized, and the parking was better. She also wanted a better looking Tasch Park and said the gazebo was actually a pavilion as the City needs another. Alderman Rehberg didn't support the gazebo and wanted to see more options. Aldermen McClory was concerned too much money was being spent to fix Tasch and wanted to keep the original plan. Mayor Olson felt it was taking too long to make a decision and if Tasch is fixed, do it right. He asked Nuss for a rough estimate of the man hours to deconstruct Tasch. Alderman Rehberg asked for detailed information on the playground equipment to be installed at Tasch and wants baselines cut 4' wide all the way around. A landscaper would be utilized to install large trees. The committee chose to keep the playground near the DPW Yard fence. Mayor Olson wants to know if the funds for the project would come from the Park Dedication Fund. Administrator Tapson will look into it. Alderman Huss wants a breakdown of costs by park. Alderman Rehberg wants pictures of the decorative fencing.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (Rehberg/Kluck) to adjourn at 5:12 p.m.

Cairie L. Virrueta
City Clerk