

Village of Goodfield
Park Committee Meeting
July 16, 2024 – 6:00p.m.
@ Goodfield Park

Chairman Mike Carr called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m. Present were Committee members Mike Carr, Jack Kuntz, Lisa Rieke, Layne Steffen, Village President Hank Melton. Absent was Park Committee Member Ed Wiegand.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss possible playground improvements at the park and other park related issues.

Goodfield Community Club donated \$10,000 for playground improvements. So the total amount of money the committee has to work with is \$11,250 for playground. Park maintenance is trees, sidewalk, park benches. Village has an already budgeted pickle ball court that will be going in this fall. Goodfield Community Club has donated monies toward this also and Lonewolf is donating their labor. It will be up by the basketball court. Mike said the committee should prioritize what projects to do. Mike handed out papers with pricing for playground equipment.

The rubber mulch that is at playground now \$2,000# bag is \$600, to add mulch to get the playground where it should be would cost \$7,500.

Del Slusher passed away recently and helped with the park for over 30 years. Mike thought it would be nice to get a plaque or something at the park to honor him.

Mike also mentioned the park has lost a few large oak trees at the park. The Village has replaced them with the help/donation from the Community Club.

Some Picnic tables are getting worn, they are \$400 each.

The committee discussed sending a letter or article in the Newsletter to get donations to help toward upgrading the park.

Currently there is not a cost to use the park, but donations are welcome.

Mike said a Jungle gym costs anywhere from \$1,500-\$4,000. Congerville just got a playground set. Mike didn't know what that would cost. Large playground equipment can be \$30,000 to \$40,000 dollars.

At this time all equipment is functional. Village replaced 4 swings last year or the year before.

Layne said they like the Deer Creek park playground. Jack said people are waiting to use the baby swings, the blue swings there might be one person swinging. It may be nice to add a couple baby swings. Merry-go-round, some have seats, stands and can stand on the outside. It is plastic so it does not get so hot.

Layne said pro and con is we could delay and get contributions then plan and have a nice big playground. When money is donated to the Village it has to be allocated and then spent in a timely manner. Mike will talk to Village attorney.

First step would be baby swings and then make a plan for a bigger playground and figure the cost.

Layne said Fondalac has nice playground. There are a lot of options.

Kuntz made the motion, seconded by Rieke to recommends purchasing 2 baby/toddler swings and to add 3" rubber mulch to start with. Cost may be close to \$7500. Motion passed with a voice vote.

Ideas for Del Slusher memorial were his name on the playground or shelter, maybe Del Slusher Pavilion or something.

Committee will look at pricing for playground equipment. Mike will look into where Deer Creek got their park equipment and what the costs were.

We will look into fund raising. Have a goal graph to put in the Village Newsletter with a picture.

There being no further business, motion was made by Layne, seconded by Kuntz to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 8:35p.m.

Mike Carr, Park Committee Chairman