



12 N. Charles, White Cloud, MI 49349
Parks & Recreation Committee Minutes
May 2, 2024, at 7:30 a.m.

1. Meeting Called to Order

Member Shears called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Attendees: April Storms, Lori Shears, Ed Canning, Mary Bleiler

Absent: Don Barnhard

Staff present: Kelli Arnold, Makayla Brandt Public in Attendance: None

2. Set/Amend Agenda

Agenda presented for the regular Parks & Rec committee for May 2, 2024.

Motion by Bleiler **Supported** by Canning to set the agenda as presented for May 2, 2024.

Vote: Ayes- All Nays- None **Motion Carried**

3. Minutes of February 1, 2024.

Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting held on February 1, 2024, were presented for consideration.

Motion by Bleiler, **Supported** by Canning to approve the Parks and Recreation meeting minutes as presented.

Vote: Ayes- All Nays- None **Motion Carried**

4. Ed Canning – White Cloud Public School 2024 Bond Proposal Information

Discussed the school bond proposal that will be on the August 6, 2024, election ballot. If approved by voters, the bond proposal would provide \$28,400,000 for district-wide improvements with a zero-tax rate increase. The White Cloud debt millage rate would remain the same as the current levy (9.5 mills for the debt millage rate), this proposal would extend the debt until 2035. The bond would cover many district improvements in the Senior and Junior High buildings, the elementary school, bus garage and the former Jack D Jones elementary property. The proposal will read:

Shall White Cloud Public Schools, Newaygo County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Twenty-Eight Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$28,400,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, for the purpose of: erecting, completing, remodeling, and equipping and equipping school buildings and facilities, and additions to school buildings and facilities; furnishing and refurbishing school buildings and facilities; acquiring, installing, equipping and re-equipping school buildings for instructional technology; and preparing, developing, improving and equipping athletic fields, play fields, playgrounds, structures, facilities and sites?

5. Discussion Items

a. Art mural update

The art mural has been installed at the corner of Wilcox & Williams Streets.

b. CEDAM project

The CEDAM project is on schedule. The project will be at the corner of Benson Street and Wilcox Avenue. Completion is expected by August 2024.

c. Yard of the Month

The city will host “Yard of the Month” again during July, August, and September. This year businesses are encouraged to participate as well as residents. The winning yard will receive a gift that is paid for by donations from city employees who choose to wear blue jeans on Thursday’s and various donors.

d. Spark Grant update

The Spark Grant was submitted for improvements at Smith Park and Mill Pond Park. Phase I has been awarded. The city is awaiting a public announcement.

e. WC Sky Fest

Sky Fest will be June 15th at White Cloud Airport. The event will include tethered hot air balloon rides, food trucks, gellyball, vendors, DJ and live music, followed by fireworks at dark. The Father’s Day Fly-In pancake breakfast will be the following morning, June 16 from 7:30 am to 11 am.

f. Gus Macker

Gus Macker will be at Newaygo High School on July 20-21. White Cloud will host the event in 2025. The City of White Cloud would like 50 volunteers to help with the event while it is in Newaygo, if we have 50 volunteers from White Cloud Public Schools, our WC Athletic Boosters will receive a check for \$1,000.00. The volunteers will do 3-hour shifts, possibly distributing water, emptying trash, and assisting with registration.

g. Swim lessons

Swim lessons are scheduled for July 22-26, 2024, between 2:00 pm and 4:45 pm. Mary Arends Lamach will be the instructor once again.

C. Public Comment

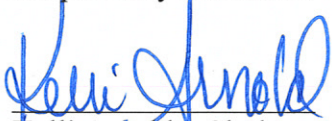
D. Correspondence

E. Adjournment

Motion by Bleiler, **Supported** by Storms to adjourn the Parks & Recreation meeting at 8:29 a.m.

Vote: Ayes- All Nays- None **Motion Carried**

Respectfully submitted:



Kelli Arnold Clerk

Approved on: 8/1/2024