

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND WORTH PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING

November 3, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Village of Worth Village Board and the Worth Park District Commissioners was called to order by Village President Werner on Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present and responding to roll call were the following:

Village President	Mary Werner
Village Clerk	Bonnie Price
Village Trustees:	Kevin Ryan
	Pete Kats
	Rich Dziedzic

Park Commissioners:	Mike McElroy
	Melissa Nagel
	Donald Dambek
	Rebecca Roberts
	Kari Lynn Fickes

Also Present:

Robert O'Shaughnessy
Kelly Pezdek
Stephanie Analitis
Brian Piszczek

The Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Mike McElroy thanked everyone for coming.

Commissioner McElroy discussed some upcoming projects for the Park District.

They received a grant for Peaks Park in the amount of \$274,000.00 it will be used to install workout equipment, a walking path, pavilion, free throw basketball with 2 baskets. They will also have a volleyball court. This will be an athletic park. They will also remove the skate park. The commissioners have spoken with many other park districts in the surrounding areas to come up with these ideas. They spoke with the Worth Police regarding the activities that will be at Peaks Park the Worth Police support the placement of the back-to-back courts.

They have applied for an OSLAD Grant for Homerding and if they are approved it will be a matching grant, this park will feature walking path, fitness equipment new playground and a pavilion. This will start in 2024.

Worth Park District formed a subcommittee to meet with Marrs Meyer American Legion Post #991 to get feedback and help with the Memorial Park. Commissioner Fickes stated that the first meeting was very successful. They will work on preservation and restoration for Memorial Park. They will have bucket fundraiser starting November 6. They are working on a master plan and the cost is about

\$9,000.00. The pavers from 1993 are aging at the Memorial. They discussed better lighting and holiday decorations. Commissioner McElroy stated the budget is small and the legion is assisting with funding, this is what happens when there is no maintenance in 30 years.

There was discussion on Homerding and the ditch. Park District is getting calls from residents. President Werner stated that the village is too. President Werner stated that the MWRD is asking for soil sampling which will take 10-14 days, so the project is on hold per MWRD. Commissioner McElroy asked about the guardrail. President Werner stated that it is not easy to reinstall the railing. The commissioners would like to see something there or they feel the park will be getting damaged. President Werner is hopeful that the park area will be complete this year and the village area will be completed next year. President Werner stated guardrail is very costly, she will get pricing. Commissioners feel that the ditch is not deep and cars can drive right into the park. Commissioner Roberts stated that vehicles drive the wrong way on that street and there needs to be a barrier for safety to the residents. Commissioner McElroy stated that the project appears to have taken 10' from the park. Commissioner McElroy asked if the street was going to be widened. President Werner stated not that is not in the plans. Commissioner McElroy stated that the park might be interested in cost sharing for the guardrail.

There was discussion regarding Altman Park, across from the Terrace Centre. The Worth Park Commissioners are interested in that property. The Trustees that were in attendance would like to see that happen. Commissioner McElroy is going to speak with MWRD, and the Worth Trustees would like to get input from the trustees that were absent tonight this will be on the village agenda for November 15.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Dziedzic moved seconded by Trustee Kats to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:08 p.m. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Bonnie M. Price, CMC
Village Clerk