

Village Board
August 7, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.
Village Hall Board Room

- Call to order** The meeting was called to order by C. Felmer, Village President
- Closed Session** C. Felmer read that at the close of the meeting, the Village Board will convene into closed session pursuant to section 19.85(1)(e) Wis. Stats., for considering promotion, compensation, and performance evaluation data for a Village employee and pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) Wis. Stats., for deliberating and/or negotiating developer agreements where competitive and bargaining reasons require a closed session and pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(g) of the Wisconsin Statutes to confer with legal counsel for the Village Board who is rendering oral and written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the Village with respect to litigation in which it is involved or likely to become involved, to-wit: Village of Howard and Brown County Police Services Contract.
- Roll Call** R. Bredael, J. Widiger, C. Hughes, G. Speaker, C. Felmer, R. Ziemer, K. Crouch, L. Weix, B. McIntrye
- Also: D. Wiese, B. Bartelt, M. Pigeon, N. Wendt, J. Dagneau,
- The Board recited the pledge for allegiance.
- Approve agenda** C. Felmer asked for a motion to approve the agenda.
- G. Speaker questioned agenda item #6. He stated that Robert Rules of Order states that an item can only be put back on the agenda by a Village Board member who originally approved the item and he is unaware of a voting member who did so.
- C. Felmer stated that it was put on the agenda from R. Bredael.
- R. Bredael stated that he did not request that this item be put back on the agenda for possible reconsideration.
- C. Felmer stated that she thought when she talked to R. Bredael, he stated yes, that he did want it on the agenda.
- B. McIntrye stated that we have to work on history and in the past for an item to be put on the agenda, it needs to be in writing.
- D. Duffy stated that it has to be a person who voted for the motion.

L. Weix stated that March 27, 2006 the Village Board unanimously approved to move forward with plans for the park shelter.

D. Duffy reviewed the minutes from March 27, 2006 and there was a motion to do so.

K. Crouch stated that at a later date, all the bids got rejected.

C. Felmer stated that G. Speaker approached her stating that the shelter placement never got reviewed/approved.

G. Speaker stated that he has known R. Bredael for a long time and he doesn't lie.

C. Felmer stated that we need to do something for the public.

K. Crouch stated that rules cannot be broken.

A motion was made by K. Crouch and seconded by G. Speaker to strike item #6 from the agenda.

B. McIntyre feels we should not strike item #6.

G. Speaker stated that if we listen to the new presentation, the Village Board should have more time to consider possible reconsider.

Roll Call

Yes

G. Speaker
K. Crouch
R. Bredael
C. Hughes

No

R. Ziemer
L. Weix
B. McIntyre
J. Widiger
C. Felmer

Motion Failed

A motion was made by B. McIntyre and seconded by L. Weix to approve the agenda.

Roll Call Vote

Yes

R. Ziemer
L. Weix
B. McIntyre
J. Widiger
C. Felmer

No

K. Crouch
R. Bredael
C. Hughes
G. Speaker

Motion Carried.

Park Shelter

Dan Meissner updated the Board on the shelter at Meadowbrook Park.

J. Widiger asked how far the shelter would be from the property owners, D. Wiese stated that it would be approximately 280 feet.

G. Speaker asked if road work would be necessary that is not included in the price. D. Meisser stated yes. G. Speaker asked how much, and D. Meisser did not know.

K. Crouch stated that families also play basketball and baseball, they don't just play on playground equipment.

L. Weix asked what the costs would be to take down the outdoor shelter and move it (if it can be moved) or to just tear it down.

D. Meissner stated that he had J. Varga, Village Inspector looked at it and he has stated that it can be moved. The total cost various.

L. Weix mentioned that he has talked to the cross country coach for Bay Port and he is not in favor of moving the shelter because it alters his route.

N. Wendt, Recreation Supervisor stated that not only is a shelter a place to rent but it is a place to hold park programs, etc. Going with option #5 would eliminate the baseball diamond which means the 13 years don't have a place to play, parking would be a problem, close to pond, close to the road - too close for small kids in the summer programs. As far as renting a shelter, people always want to be close to playground equipment. With going with option #3 this would serve as a warming shelter for the sledding hill, as well as bring in revenue for the Village. There is nothing on record for noise complaint when the current one is rented. If there was problems, no one has told the Park Dept.

M. Pigeon stated that if the Village Board wants to move the existing open air shelter, she needs to know where they want the building placed.

Officer J. Dagneau stated that there is not record of vandalism to the current shelter, but there has been vandalism to the park, but then again there is vandalism to all parks. Make your decision for the residents and what is best for Howard.

G. Speaker stated that there was vandalism to the playground equipment worth \$10,000. J. Dagneau stated yes, but not to the shelter.

K. Crouch questioned if a new shelter would give kids more desire to vandalize.

B. McIntyre stated that the people using the shelter are not doing the vandalism, but putting it in the woods could cause problems.

G. Speaker asked M. Pigeon if moving the shelter was given out to bid or where did she come up with the \$30,000. She stated that no, she got that information from D. Meissner. She doesn't know where the Village Board wants to move it.

D. Meisser stated that the \$30,000 is not a bid, just an estimate.

K. Crouch stated that he had a general contractor look at the shelter and give him a quote on what it would cost to move it and he estimated the cost to be half of \$30,000.

B. McIntyre asked about how long an open air shelter will last.

D. Meisser stated around 50 years.

D. Meisser stated that lighting would help with vandalism.

Public Appearances

Harold Taylor – along Meadowbrook Park feels that the Village President goes against the people. Would like to terminate the shelter all together

John Hermus - 2833 Brookview Drive asked if we really need 3 shelters at one park. And its not fair to get rid of the football field and not the baseball diamond.

Jerry Tilly – 2769 Brookview Drive stated that he lives 8 houses from the park and they use the park a lot. He suggested tearing down the old shelter and replacing the new shelter where the old one was so it is near the playground, trail, etc.

Bill Monfre - 3563 Abby Court wants to know where it was mentioned that the baseball diamond will be taken out. D. Meissner stated that it won't be taken out, just that parking would be difficult. He just wants to make sure that the baseball diamond won't be taken down.

B. Monfre suggested a security system to help with vandalism. D. Meisser stated that a security system was looked into but the cost was really high.

B. Monfre stated that HYSA would consider paying for an alarm system to the new shelter if the ball diamond is not taken away. That item would be put on the HYSA agenda for consideration.

Shirley Destache - 2827 Riveridge Lane reminded the Board to keep in mind that you are never going to make everyone happy! She has biked through the park and enjoys the park. Feels that their huge trees along the property lines so that would help with noise, and their are park hours. Suggested looking at option #1 again.

Ellery Gulbrand - 2591 Lavender Lane stated that the spot by the ball diamond is too tight, there is no parking, you need more people space. Non-friendly family issues:

1. Creek
2. Drainage pond

E. Gulbrand stated that he would like the shelter close to the playground equipment. Likes option 3.

E. Gulbrand stated that he lives near Pinewood Park and when the Village installed new lighting there, it helped with vandalism.

Jeff Devroy - 2808 Heartland Terrace thanked C. Felmer for putting this item on the agenda tonight. He asked if the shelter has to be at Meadowbrook Park? Maybe build a new park and build it around the shelter. Don't run on emotions! Work with the tax payers. Better location for our \$300,000. Vandalism will always be around, more lighting and security system could be looked into.

No other comments were made, C. Felmer closed public appearances.

No future agenda items.

C. Felmer asked if any Village Board member wanted to reconsider item #6. No comments were made.

**Convene into
closed session**

A motion was made by K. Crouch and seconded by C. Hughes to convene into closed session.

Roll Call Vote.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

The Board took a 10 minutes recess. L. Wittig left the meeting at this time, 8:30 p.m.

Laurie Wittig
Clerk Typist

**Reconvene into
open session**

A motion was made by J. Widiger and seconded by C. Hughes to reconvene into open session.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Adjourn

A motion was made by L. Weix and seconded by R. Ziemer to adjourn at 11:20 p.m.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Carlene Felmer
Village President