

**City of Fox Lake
Committee of the Whole Synopsis
August 16, 2017**

The August 16, 2017 committee of the whole meeting was called to order by Mayor Tom Bednarek, at 6:45 p.m., in the Council Chambers, following a special council meeting. Those in attendance were alderpersons John Mund, Dan Ault, Dennis Linke, Peter Hartzheim and Tom Jahnke. Absent: Robert Jenswold. Also attending were assistant city attorney Mike DeVitt, city administrator Dean Perlick, police chief Jim Rohr, public works superintendent Gene Huettner, librarian Paul Torgeson and city clerk Susan Hollnagel.

In the audience were Becky Bussian, Richard Quirk, Rachel Beatty, Jim Clark, Melissa Peltier and Craig Warmbold of WBEV.

Third Street/Mill Road update

Huettner updated the Council on the Third Street and Mill Road projects. He said Third Street is paved with the landscapers beginning their work. He said the landscapers would be installing the mailboxes after they have completed their work. Huettner said cross culverts have been removed and replaced on Mill Road and he figures the contractors will be moving out to the Leroy Meats site by the end of the week to start moving dirt.

Joint municipal court agreement

The Mayor said Brownsville had talked, with the city, about creating a joint court last year and now have come back with an agreement both municipalities will have to approve. He said he was comfortable with the agreement.

Pool Committee

The Mayor stated the city had received a cost estimate on removing and replacing the slide at the aquatic center. He said the estimate is out of our ballpark. He said he would like to create a committee of residents and alderpersons to look at the aquatic center and see what needs to be done,

what we can afford to be done and what the aquatic center's future is. The Mayor said he would like to have Rachel Beatty, Julie Mazzolari and Tom and Laura Reчек on the committee, along with alderpersons Dennis Linke and Peter Hartzheim. He said the estimate they received was between \$230,000 and \$250,000 to do everything. Hartzheim said the estimate included a new tower, stand, and slide. He said he would like to meet next week and have Neuman Pools come up and go over their estimate. Mund said the quote was for a 75' to 80' slide and asked if the current slide is that tall. No one knew the height of the current slide. Beatty said they had a very successful dog swim and said she was asked by a number of people if the pool could be open for just dogs swimming. The Mayor said they would have to have safety measures in place and to check with Brad Ruenger if it is possible.

Crocker Street park improvements

Appearing before the committee was Becky Bussian, asking the Council to consider adding playground equipment to the Crocker Street park. She said the current equipment is about seven (7) feet from the road and that very few residents are using the baseball diamond. She talked with Beaver Dam and they are adding playground equipment to Lincoln Park for \$44,000. Bussian said she has talked with Sherri Helmer, who said she would see about writing a grant through the 4-H. Bussian gave a list of links for potential grants, like WalMart and Kaboom, to Linke. The Mayor asked Perlick to make the calls for grant availability. Linke asked if the city can install the equipment themselves or do we have to have the company. Bussian said they allow a community build, where the company would send a supervisor to assist the volunteers or the company can do the full installation. Bussian checked with Waupun and they buy equipment at the end of the season and then install it in spring.

Hartzheim asked what age group she was looking at. Bussian said up to 12. Beatty asked her son what he would like and he said gaga ball. Clark said it is like dodge ball, within a wooden circle, without getting hurt. The Mayor suggested the city furnish the materials, if volunteers would put it together. Clark said he is a Boy Scout troop leader and he is always looking for Eagle Scout projects. He said his scouts are always ready to help. The Mayor said he would like to get young people involved in the

project and asked Clark if the scouts could put a plan together and get it to Huettner.

Bussian asked if the equipment has to be fancy or can it be wooden. She said there are lots of ideas out there that use recycled materials. The Mayor said the improvements probably would not happen this fall but could get plans in place and in the costs in the 2018 budget, to have it ready for installation in spring 2018.

Annex town half of Mill Road

The Mayor said the city has received paperwork from the Town of Fox Lake, wanting the city to annex their half of Mill Road. He asked Perlick to contact Hannan to set what the city has to do to annex it.

Memorial-Wayne Ruenger

The Mayor said Wayne Ruenger has served the city for 20 years, as an alderperson and Mayor and feels he should be recognized for his commitment to the community. Mund asked about planting a memorial tree. The Mayor said yes, a tree and a stone, with a plaque.

Library

Torgeson said Mike Gelhausen, library consultant, would like to meet with the Council and discuss the five (5) year plan for the library. The Mayor said he would be placed on the September 20 committee of the whole meeting.

Cemetery headstone repair

Appearing before the Council was Melissa Peltier, to discuss repairing headstones in the cemetery. Peltier said she had been in the cemetery and had taken pictures of broke/damaged headstones in the three old sections of the library. She said the main thing is there are a lot of Civil War vets buried here and a lot of their headstones are laying on the ground. She said she has a person who is able to put these stones back together and stand them up again. The clerk asked if there is a contract we need to sign. Peltier said no, that there is a lot of history there and would to see it

preserved. Clark said the Boy Scouts have voted to help with this project as well as the Fox Lake Historical Society.

Administrator's update

Perlick updated the board on the Leroy Meats project. He said they had a pre-construction conference on Thursday and the contractor is waiting for the DNR to approve a permit before they start. Perlick said the site plan for Leroy Meats was approved by the Planning Commission last week.

Perlick said construction on the cell tower has begun and the city has received its' first monthly rental payment. He also said the Karavan project is well under way.

The Mayor said this is the 7th week they have been waiting for the DNR to approve the permit for the Leroy Meats project.

Perlick said the city received a three year proposal from Grotta Appraisal, to continue being the city's assessor. He said the current contract is \$11,900- per year. He said the new contract would have an increase of \$300- per year, or \$12,200- yearly. Perlick asked if the board wanted him to contact other companies to get a quote. Mund said Grotta was a vast improvement over our previous assessor and does a good job. The Mayor said 2017 August 16no one comes to the Board of Review to complain and feels they have done a great job. The Mayor said this would be on the September council agenda.

With no other business to come before the committee of the whole, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.