

The Seneca Village Council held a special council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on July 22, 2019 and was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Olson, Commissioners Callahan, Higgins and Lamb
Absent: Timmons
Also Present: Village Clerk Jennifer Peddicord, Village Engineer Casey McCollom, Park Board Members Fran Kasten, Les Goslin, Dan Stecken and Brooke Andreatta; Rich Stott of Stott Contracting; and Mike Hoffman of Teska

Comm. Timmons arrived later in the meeting.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Olson presented a request for a transfer of \$25,000.00 from Video Gaming to the Downtown Fund. This was discussed at the previous budget meeting.

A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Lamb to approve the transfer of \$25,000.00 from Video Gaming to the Downtown Fund.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Callahan, Higgins and Lamb

Nays: None

Absent: Timmons

Mayor Olson requested approval of an expenditure to Barco Products of up to \$4,500.00 for garbage cans for downtown and for the parks.

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Callahan to approve an expenditure to Barco Products of up to \$4,500.00 for garbage cans to be taken out of Public Comfort.* (*This expenditure was amended to be taken out of Public Benefit.)

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Callahan, Higgins and Lamb

Nays: None

Absent: Timmons

Discussion was opened by Mayor Olson and Park Board President Fran Kasten with regard to the current status of Graves Park. The following concerns were discussed:

- Grass: The grass is currently growing in clumps and is not filling in. Casey McCollom advises the grass was put down according to spec, but it was done out of season for

purposes of fulfilling the grant requirements. The fact that the grass was planted in a former farm field is to be considered. The status of the grass does not preclude use of the playground equipment.

- Low area on the North Side: There is a low area on the north side of the park that continually fills in with water after rain and mud accumulates on the walkway. Rich Stott advises this is because of shed from the field to the north. Casey McCollom agrees that this area should have been raised in hindsight. Further work to correct this area will affect the grass that has been planted there. The berm is causing the increased water and retention.
- Right Field: Right field is continuing to hold water even after Stott added additional top soil. Comm. Callahan noted there are big dips in right field.

Rich Stott asks if there should be a more defined ditch between the soccer field and baseball field. Increasing flow is going to affect the grass growing in that area. A more definitive ditch could be made on that right side per Stott. The construction of the new shelter will affect the drainage. Stott recommends piping to keep the drainage flowing underground. Casey McCollom advises that could be guided into the storm drain.

Comm. Lamb suggested having soil samples done to determine what the soil may be lacking and Mike Hoffman of Teska suggested it would not hurt.

- Vegetation: Fran Kasten advised a couple of trees need to be replaced, which are under warranty. There is cracking of bushes due to water and freezing which are also warranty items.
- Ball Field: Dan Stecken addressed the issues regarding the ball field and the recent visit from an expert at Sportsfields, Inc.:
 - ✓ Field maintenance will be a continuing problem because of the slope of the field.
 - ✓ The hope was that the ball field would generate revenue by bringing in tournaments and leagues but it cannot be done in the current state it is in.
 - ✓ The high school's field is smaller than this field.
 - ✓ The infield should be consistent, but is currently not.
 - ✓ The field is not playable at this point.

Casey McCollom advised that the design was based on a National High School Sports Fields Association model. The field was intended to be an all-purpose field for baseball and softball. Casey suggests that if the field is too big, then use the excess

materials for building a new softball field. Stott built what was given to him as far as specs. The bid specs were put together by Chamlin and Teska.

Mike Hoffman of Teska noted that the budget constraints affected the overall design of the field.

Discussion was held regarding having Frosh/Soph games hosted here.

Discussion further ensued regarding what is the best course of action to take.

- ✓ Fencing should be higher.
 - ✓ Moving home plate would require moving the foul poles.
 - ✓ Stott suggests drainage tiling be added.
- Fencing: The fencing is covered by a one-year warranty guarantee. There is an issue with rippling on both ends. Stott suggests having the fencing contractor come down to do the warranty work and a request for adjusting the height be requested at the same time. We are currently owed gates by the fence company. It was also noted that the posts are leaning in.

There had never been a plan to fence in the outfield because of budget constraints.

Mayor Olson asked who is responsible for rectifying the problems with the park. Casey McCollom advises that between Chamlin and Stott they will determine what can be fixed within the contract.

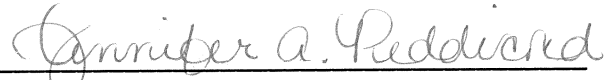
The drainage issues will be explored by Chamlin & Associates and Stott Contracting in order to come up with a solution.

Moving Forward:

- The grass will fill in with time.
- Case McCollom will talk to the original designer to find out what the original scope of the plan was.
- Stott suggests that limestone and tile might be enough to fix the drainage issues.
- Chamlin will work with Stott to correct the issues covered by the original contract and provide numbers for anything beyond the scope of the original contract.
- The fencing issues will be worked on by Teska.
- Building benches and dugouts could be a future labor of love project within the community.
- Casey McCollom asked what size infield is desired and Dan Stecken suggested that with the drainage and fencing corrected, the baseball field would be usable. Building a new softball field will give us the smaller field needed and the current size of the baseball field will be usable.

Discussion was held regarding maintenance of the completed park. Comm. Timmons asked if a maintenance schedule would be provided and if we need any specific equipment. That will be explored.

The July 22, 2019 special council meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Jennifer A. Peddicord, Village Clerk