

Village of Bellaire

PARKS COMMITTEE

Trish Drollinger, Chairman

Helen Schuckel

Brent Nelson

MEETING MINUTES

January 25, 2012

5:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Drollinger called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Attendance

Present: Trish Drollinger, Chairman & Brent Nelson

Absent: Helen Schuckel

Staff Present: Ken Stead, DPW Supervisor, Cathy Odom, Treasurer & Janet Koch, Clerk

Also Present: Jim Emery, Bellaire Public Schools Superintendent, Steve Conkle, Tim Underwood, Katie Verellen & Gary Manville, coaches of Bellaire High School baseball and softball teams.

2. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Drollinger, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried by voice vote.

3. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes were approved.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Drollinger, to approve the minutes of January 11, 2012 as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

4. **Public Comment on Agenda Items:** None presented.

5. **Old Business**

a) 2012-13 Budget:

Drollinger asked Stead what the DPW was planning on doing at the Craven Park ballfields in the next fiscal year. Stead said they will be adding diamond dust. He said that adding height to the softball backstop is done, and that the bleachers are done for both baseball and softball.

Drollinger asked the school's representatives what they would like to see done. Steve Conkle said the biggest concern for the boy's baseball team is drainage, that the existing poor drainage often makes it difficult to play. Jim Emery said his concern is having to cancel games with other schools because the baseball field is too wet to play. Conkle said the third baseline fence is curled up in spots and that he's worried about safety. He added that the batting cage has some holes.

Conkle and Underwood discussed a turf infield. It was acknowledged that this would require irrigation and would result in the loss of the field for use as a softball field.

Verellen said priority for the softball is new outfield fencing and that the field is very hard. In addition, they'd like to get the grass out of the batting cage and level it with diamond dust. She would also like electricity to run the pitching machine. Manville said there was once electricity in front of the pitcher's mound.

Verellen also said parking sometimes restricts their access to the equipment shed. They would like a gate or a cable to keep cars from parking there, but there needs to be pedestrian access, also. They also have a concern with water in front of the dugout; adding diamond dust would help. In addition, they're looking for a flagpole. Emery said if placed properly, one flag pole could be shared by both the baseball and softball fields.

Stead said the diamond dust already being planned should take care of the drainage in the baseball field for the time being.

Drollinger looked at the current fiscal year's budget expenditure and said it looked like there was money available this year to purchase new collapsible fencing for the softball outfield.

Koch was asked to look for grant possibilities for Craven Park improvements. Underwood said the local Rotary might be interested in funding a grant. A DNR Trust Fund grant was also discussed.

Conkle asked if they could paint the baseball dugouts and concession stand. The committee saw no problem with that.

No action was taken by the committee.

6. **New Business:** None presented.
7. **Discussion Items:** None presented.
8. **Communications/Informational:** None presented.
9. **Member/Public Comment:** None presented.
10. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Minutes compiled by:
Janet Koch, Clerk

Approved: _____

Date: _____