

Village of Bellaire

PARKS COMMITTEE

Patricia Drollinger, Chairperson

Eldon McPherson

Helen Schuckel

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES May 11, 2018 8:30 a.m.

1. **Call to Order:** Chairperson Drollinger called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

Attendance

Present: Chairperson Drollinger, Eldon McPherson and Helen Schuckel
Absent: None
Staff Present: Lori Lockett, Clerk; Ken Stead, DPW Supervisor
Also Present: Tina Newsome

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Chairperson Drollinger noted that Mike Bertram from the Antrim County Fair Board might attend to provide an update on the fair. The agenda was approved.

Motion by Trustee McPherson, seconded by Trustee Schuckel, to approve the agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

3. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the January 15, 2018 meeting were approved as presented.

Motion by Trustee McPherson, seconded by Trustee Schuckel, to approve the minutes of January 15, 2018 as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

5. **Old Business:** None presented.

6. **New Business**

- a) **Merry go round replacement:** Chairperson Drollinger suggested that council may have been hasty in removing the merry go round, but it has been removed. The neighborhood in Holiday Acres would like to have it replaced because the park is used a lot. Currently there are many families with children living in the neighborhood. Chairperson Drollinger suggested if there are not enough funds in repair and maintenance, it may be necessary to take some funds from capital outlay funds being set aside for the transportation station. DPW Stead was asked about a new merry go round the same size as that had been removed. He indicated that in addition to the purchase price, money would have to be included for a new foundation. Chairperson Drollinger suggested that the total would be less than \$4000. Stead agreed. Because funds are available, Chairperson Drollinger wondered if it was necessary to seek council's approval. It was suggested that because council had voted to remove it, the replacement should be approved. There was discussion about additional playground equipment. Chairperson Drollinger asked about the cost to install a half court basketball court in the park. Supervisor Stead said that concrete is \$100 a yard; it would take quite a few yards of concrete. Trustee McPherson thought that the basketball court would be better for the older children. Chairperson Drollinger thought the basketball court would be used by families and wondered if a slide should be purchased also. Tina Newsome requested permission to address the committee. She did not think that a slide was necessary because some families have swing sets in their backyards. Trustee McPherson suggested that there would be more use for the merry go round and basketball court. Chairperson Drollinger asked Supervisor Stead for his best guess

on the total cost. Supervisor Stead said that he would have to check on the cost of backboards, steel posts, concrete. It was suggested that the quality would have to be such as in town. It needs to hold up really well, for many years. Supervisor Stead was asked to get a quote for a half court basketball court just like that in town. Chairperson Drollinger wondered if the cost would be \$5000, \$10,000. Supervisor Stead thought it would be closer to \$10,000 by the time they were done. The committee thought it could be an investment to last into the future. Tina Newsome thanked the committee for the removal of the merry go round. She expressed concern about the extra traffic and parking. She referenced outside donations to the park and suggested that more people will want to use the park. It was reported that a neighborhood resident was going to be making a donation toward the park. Others have expressed intent to donate as well. Chairperson Drollinger asked about a bridge over the creek in the park. What would it take? Supervisor Stead stated that the DEQ would have to permit it. Trustee McPherson thought that adding a bridge would make it look more like a public park. There was suggestion that additions would have to be ADA compliant. Members thought that a picnic table and designated parking should be added. Trustee McPherson suggested that a plan be developed for the park. Chairperson Drollinger suggested that for this year, the merry go round could be replaced and a picnic table added. All agreed that the table should be accessible. Chairperson Drollinger made a motion to recommend that the merry go round be replaced at a cost of about \$4000 and that an accessible picnic table be added at a cost of about \$600. Motion was supported by Trustee McPherson.

Motion by Chairperson Drollinger, seconded by Trustee McPherson, to recommend to village council that the merry go round be replaced at a cost of about \$4000 and that an accessible picnic table be added at a cost of about \$600. Motion carried by voice vote.

7. **Discussion Items:** Chairperson Drollinger directed discussion to the transportation station and replacement of some components. Supervisor Stead indicated that parts were no longer available for certain components of the structure. The committee decided to conduct a walkthrough of the playground areas within Richardi Park including a check of the merry go round. The committee decided to adjourn to Richardi Park at 8:55 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 9:04 a.m. The committee inspected the transportation station equipment indentifying what could and could not be repaired. The spring riders were identified as possible elements for inclusion in Holiday Acres. Chairperson Drollinger wondered if Clerk Luckett had seen the grants for park equipment. Clerk Luckett indicated that she had not but would start looking. The merry go round in Richardi was inspected. The spring riders were identified as needing to be painted. There was discussion that TBA-ISD be contacted about painting the toys. Perhaps an art or auto body program could help. The committee decided to inspect Holiday Acres. The meeting adjourned at 9:17a.m. and moved to Holiday Acres. The meeting reconvened at 9:23 a.m. The committee identified a location for the new merry go round. Trustee McPherson suggested that a park layout be done. There was discussion about installing a prefabricated bridge of composite material over the creek to accommodate accessibility to one side of the creek from the other. There were questions about parking, location of the basketball court, the addition of a bridge. Clerk Luckett was asked to research park design any available design assistance.
8. **Communications/Informational:** None presented.
9. **Member/Public Comment:** None presented.
10. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Compiled by Lori Luckett, Clerk
Minutes Subject to Approval

Approved: _____

Date: _____