

**VILLAGE OF HARRISON
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Special Meeting - June 24, 2021**

A special meeting of the Village of Harrison Board was called to order at 6:00pm at the Harrison Municipal Building, W5298 Hwy 114, Menasha, WI 54952 on Tuesday, June 24, 2021. After the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, roll call was taken.

Board Present: President Kevin Hietpas, Trustees Julene Baldwin, Mark Van Hefty, Darlene Bartlein (via teleconference), Scott Handschke, Pete Stier, and Matt Lancaster.

Board Excused: None

Staff Present: Village Manager Heiser, Operations Manager Jeff Funk, and Clerk Vicki Tessen

Others: 5 members of the public

Correspondence or Communications from Board and Staff

The primary purpose of the Special Meeting is to discuss the improvements at the Darboy Community Park, specifically the impact on space and costs of the previously approved improvements of 6 pickle ball and 2 volleyball courts.

President Hietpas welcomed the public members present and opened the floor up for comments.

Public Comments.

Lisa McCarthy, Kimberly Area Soccer Assoc. (KASA) Treasurer and Village of Harrison resident, spoke of concerns of how the approved improvements would significantly impact the space available for soccer fields. She is in favor of multi-use parks but would like the Board to listen to more public input.

Noe Smart, KASA Board Member, informed the Board that the original field map was shared with the KASA members the end of April / beginning of May and to change it now would cause confusion and conflict with previously planned practices or tournaments. She requested to see an arial map of the approved new layout.

Aric Melzl, KASA Board Member, stated that his hope is to continue a relationship with the Village and improve communication. He acknowledged that there is a great demand for green space in the area and would like to assist in maximizing the usefulness of the Village's green space. He offered to be the "soccer expert" for input at the Darboy Community Park and Farmer's Field if the Board ever wanted input from the KASA perspective. He also said that he would be open to conversations of KASA providing some financial assistance for the parks.

Doug Van Ornum, parent of a KASA player, offered to help in any way to find a happy solution.

Mike Emmenegger commented that he appreciates that the Board is offering their time to hear from KASA members and suggests that all involved should continue to work on improving communication.

Board Discussion and Consideration to alter the Board approved plans of April 27, 2021, regarding the athletic and activity use of land at Darboy Community Park.

Board members concur that they would like to improve the communication with KASA, requesting KASA invite a Board member to their planning meeting before the next season begins.

Suggestion was made to consider the possibility of using Clover Ridge Park for 8U Academy fields.

The Board discussed what they thought they were agreeing to in approving the April 27, 2021 motion. It became obvious that the Board did not all envision or interpret the motion in the same way. Multiple trustees expressed they would like to see a report of size/cost comparisons.

MOTION: Lancaster to “Rescind the motion of April 27, 2021 and moves that the activity space be set at 120” x 120”, costs not exceed \$209,485, and staff is given authority to determine the layout as long as it fits courts for 6 pickleball, 2 volleyball, and tennis.

Receiving no Second to the Motion, Motion died.

MOTION: Lancaster to “Rescind the motion of April 27, 2021 and moves that the activity space be set at 120” x 150” and the layout will fits 6 pickleball and 2 volleyball courts, and have tennis on the West side.

Receiving no Second to the Motion, Motion died.

The Board continued to discuss potential options and guestimates of costs before directing staff to complete a factual cost/space report and tabling this discussion until the June 29, 2021 meeting.

Furthermore, KASA is invited back to the August 10, 2021 meeting to discuss expectations of the Village and KASA in regards to park space.

Closed Session

Roll Call vote to enter closed session: Baldwin- aye; Van Hefty- aye; Bartlein- aye (via teleconference call); Hietpas- aye; Handschke- aye; Stier- aye; Lancaster- aye.

Pursuant to Wis. Stats. §19.85(1)(c), the Board will meet to consider employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

At 7:55 PM Bartlein terminated the teleconference call.

8:17 pm MOTION Handschke/Steir to go back into Open Session.

Motion Carried 6-0

MOTION: Handschke/Stier to approve the addition of a permanent full-time position in the Harrison Utility office and amend the part-time position to a full-time position in the Village Central office.

Motion Carried 6-0

Adjournment

MOTION: Stier/Handschke to adjourn (8:20pm).

Motion Carried 6-0.

Minutes submitted by:

Vicki L. Tessen

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Clerk-Treasurer

Minutes Approved on July 13, 2021