

Village of Westfield Park Commission

January 28th, 2008

1. Welcome, brief review of establishing committee and reference to August 27th, 2007 – “Initial Meeting” – refer to agenda of August 27th, 2007 meeting.

First 2008 meeting newly formed Village of Westfield Parks Commission. Members present: Dean Alexander- Village President; Robert Duley & Karen Christensen – Village Trustees; Dennis Day – Westfield Recreation; Nathan Holly – Westfield Recreation & Lions Club; Cathy Duesterhoft – Westfield Chamber of Commerce; Ed Mockler – Public Works Director; John Madson – Westfield Rod & Gun Club; Julia Ferris – Pioneer High School Principle; Roger Schmidt – Westfield School District Administrator.
Absent Organizations: Westfield Fire Department; Westfield VFW/ American Legion

2. Address agenda for January 28th, 2008 meeting.

- a. Review available budget funds – “current”

Explanation of Village of Westfield – Finance and budget information regarding maintenance and improvements.

- b. Roundtable discussion, Improvements 2008

- Refer to list/ review 2007 – 6/12/07
- Vision at this time for “Park Improvements”
- Consider all parks – small/ larger
- Items completed or address in all parks, In-put from village personnel and clubs.

Discussion – “Round Table” concerns and vision 2008. Projects also projects in the future. Adoption of a “Master Guide” for Pioneer Memorial Park enhancements – Robert Duley, Julia Ferris (High School student involvement). Will develop with input from organizations that use the park – from this “Master Plan” projects will be planned, projects will be prohibited, based on need and financial capabilities to succeed.

2008 Projects – Baseball Diamonds up grading; walking trail – coop with High School/ Cross Country Program; Safety issues concerning the Rod & Gun Club area & park area.

3. Plant to “Move Forward”

- a. General discussion

Future Considered Projects – “Duley List” – Signage for all parks; new bleachers; new walkways (concrete/ asphalt); fencing (straighten & repair); backstop netting & batting cage at baseball diamonds; dugouts; matting under play area; new concession & storage building; observation deck; pavilion extension; new diamond lighting; paving north parking lot.

Much discussion concerning forward vision thinking, working together to achieve goals, better communication process between all contributors to our park system.

“Total Cooperative Process” “Positive Thinking to Succeed”

4. Plan for “Future Meetings”

Future plans to have meeting on a Spring/ Summer/ Fall and Winter basis – Ongoing review/ continuation of a planning process.

Submitted by:

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