I. Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Didier Couvelaire, Luke DeSmet, Megan Doss, Claire Groenevelt, & Nancy Meyers

Absent: N/A

Also Present: Christine Burns (Manager), Wally Delamater (DPW Director) and Jordan Schwing (Deputy Clerk)

Swearing in of New Board Member- Schwing read the Oath of Office to Megan Doss, Didier Couvelaire & Luke DeSmet who accepted and took their places on the Board.

II. Selection of a Chair & Vice-Chair - Burns opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chair.

Meyers nominate Doss for the position of Chair.

There being no further nominations or objections, Doss accepted the position of Board Chair.

Doss opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair.

Groenevelt nominated DeSmet for the position of Vice Chair.

There being no further nominations, DeSmet was presented the position; however, he respectfully declined the position of Vice-Chair.

Doss re-opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair.

Meyers nominated Groenevelt for the position of Vice-Chair.

There being no further nominations or objections, Groenevelt accepted the position of Vice-Chair.

III. Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Groenevelt, second from Couvelaire to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 5  No: 0

IV. Approval of the Minutes: Motion by DeSmet, second from Meyers, to approve the minutes from the November 7, 2022, regular meeting as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 5  No: 0

V. Finance Reports – Burns reviewed the finance reports with the Board.

VI. Miscellaneous Parks Updates –

Delamater discussed the frustration experienced with the ice rink not being available due to the warm temperatures.
Delamater spoke regarding the redistribution of DPW Labor to more adequately serve and maintain the parks’ grounds.

Burns discussed the final bill from Tanglefoot and the potential plans that could be pursued with the remainder of that budget.

Burns updated the Board on the kayak kiosks and the artwork planned for the Pump Station at Tanglefoot Park.

Burns spoke to the Board regarding the necessary repairs for the pour in place ground covering at Whistle Stop Playground.

Burns reported to the Board on the statuses of the grants that the Village applied for and what projects the potential funds could be directed towards.

VII. Discussion- Parks Funding –

Burns discussed the outcome of the Strategic Planning Meeting with Council in January and what that would mean for future funding of Village Parks.

Burns spoke on the possibility of pursuing a dedicated millage for parks maintenance and upgrades.

The Board discussed the possible benefits and detriments of pursuing a millage and what exactly those funds could be directed towards in terms of improving the parks and the public’s enjoyment of those spaces.

Tree Board Meeting

VIII. Update on Tree Trimming –

Delamater updated the Board on the status of tree planting, trimming, and pruning. He explained that over 80 trees had been planted this year and that more pruning and maintenance had occurred, than complete removals.

The Board discussed the success of the year’s tree planting and the results of the tree trimming and pruning.

IX. Public Comment – N/A

X. Board Member Comments – N/A

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

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Megan Doss, Chair                 Jordan Schwing, Deputy Clerk