

**TOWN OF CEDARBURG
TOWN SPORTS COMPLEX SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES
October 27, 2008**

Present: Brad Chaney, Christi Tamsen, Jeff Gylland, Mark Schwantes,
Steve Schuette, Pete Pavalko
Also Present: Supervisor Larry Lechner, Town Administrator Jim Culotta
Absent: Dick Larson

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Brad Chaney called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – October 6, 2008:

Jeff Gylland made a motion that was seconded by Brad Chaney to approve the minutes from October 6, 2008 as presented. All members voted aye.

3. DISCUSSION ON SPORTS COMPLEX NEEDS:

The Subcommittee began the meeting by discussing a resident suggestion that a tennis court be included at this park. After some discussion, the Subcommittee consensus was that tennis courts were not a high priority because there are numerous courts at other parks and schools in the area. Apparently, two tennis courts were even recently resurfaced. In addition, tennis courts are fairly expensive to construct and maintain.

Chairman Brad Chaney displayed various pictures of parks in the area that could serve as a model for the proposed complex. The consensus of the Subcommittee was that a concerted effort should be made to create a family-friendly park that would encourage people to plan a whole day's worth of activities. They felt the focus should be on creating a comprehensive park rather than just a sports complex. The Subcommittee agreed that it is important to fit the park amenities into the natural terrain in order to maintain the natural beauty of the property. Wooded picnic areas and natural seating along the top of ridges should be considered. Toward this end, the Subcommittee felt a parking lot on top of the landfill may be ideal because it would maximize the functionality of the most useable areas of the property.

Parking was also discussed by the Subcommittee. Mark Schwantes noted that the Harris Bank Fields (formerly Ozaukee Bank Fields) south of Pioneer Road has about 170 parking spaces, which is not sufficient for current demand. Over 200 parking spaces would be more appropriate in order to accommodate the demand generated by a typical day of soccer games. Steve Schuette said the Buckskin Bowman would need about 80 parking spaces; the current parking lot areas would be sufficient.

Jeff Gylland noted that the baseball group would be willing to pay for the proposed batting cage. Steve Schuette said the Buckskin Bowman would probably be able to help fund the public archery range area.

The Subcommittee then discussed the prioritization of facilities. The consensus of the Subcommittee was that one large baseball diamond and one large soccer field with parking were needed most.

5. DISCUSSION ON NEXT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

The subcommittee agreed to meet once Town staff had prepared a draft of the recommendation report. Therefore, the next meeting will likely be after the budget season has been wrapped up.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Mark Schwantes made a motion that was seconded by Jeff Gylland to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Culotta, Town Administrator