

**TOWN OF CEDARBURG  
TOWN SPORTS COMPLEX SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES  
September 22, 2008**

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – September 8, 2008:**

Mark Schwantes made a motion that was seconded by Jeff Gylland to approve the minutes from September 8, 2008 as presented. All members voted aye.

**3. DISCUSSION ON PARK NEEDS:**

The discussion on park needs occurred after the walking tour of the sports complex property. The subcommittee members were impressed with the property's size and diversity of natural attributes. Several members were impressed by the archery range and course developed by the Buckskin Bowman. The subcommittee unanimously agreed that an archery range would be an important element to include in the sports complex. The possibility of offering public and private archery ranges was discussed. Cedarburg High School currently offers an elective course on archery to juniors and seniors. The subcommittee expressed support for an open range of about ten targets to accommodate the high school students.

The subcommittee discussed the trail currently used by the Monticello Snowmobile Club and expressed support for incorporating a snowmobile course in the sports complex if it was restricted to a marked trail.

Several subcommittee members expressed concern about the Midnight Mudders, an off-road 4x4 truck group, and the impact their vehicles and activities had on the property. The subcommittee didn't think this type of use was appropriate for the sports complex.

Conversely, the subcommittee felt baseball and soccer fields would be a good fit for the property, particularly the farm area. Mark Schwantes, representing Cedarburg Soccer Club, said the club has an immediate need for about twenty acres for soccer fields. The soccer season stretches from late March until November. He indicated that it would be ideal to have all games located at one facility. Currently, Ozaukee Bank Fields struggles to accommodate games and Airport Fields is for practice only and its long-term availability is in question. Approximately two acres are needed for each full-size soccer field and one acre is needed for an under ten field. The soccer club would also like one full-size field with lights in order to increase the amount of possible playing time. It may be worth investigating the possibility of using artificial turf instead of natural grass for this field as it could also be used for football. A five acre general use field/area would also be useful to accommodate different uses and age groups. Schwantes stated the

soccer club would be willing to maintain the soccer fields at the sports complex using their own equipment. He felt only a small building or room within a larger building would be needed for all soccer related storage. Schwantes estimated a total of one hundred and eighty parking spaces would be needed during game days (assuming about twenty parking spaces were needed per field). It would be ideal to have an open-air pavilion available to allow for picnicking during tournaments and shelter during rain. Bleachers may be useful but would not be a necessity.

Jeff Gylland, representing Cedarburg Baseball, explained that baseball is played from April until the end of July. The most pressing need is a convertible, dirt practice diamond with base paths ranging between sixty and ninety feet. Lights and a fence on this diamond would be ideal. Once this need is met, baseball would like to have two convertible, dirt Little League fields with sixty to seventy foot base paths. Fences on these two diamonds would be ideal. It is possible that Cedarburg Baseball could construct these fields at their own cost. A small equipment shed onsite would be needed for a tractor. Gylland and Schwantes both indicated an interest in a snack shack/concession building with restrooms that is located in close proximity to both baseball and soccer fields. Gylland estimated that approximately one hundred parking spaces would be needed to accommodate games and tournaments.

Other activities were discussed by the subcommittee. Disc golf appeared to be an ideal fit for the park due to its growing popularity and low cost. Colt football, a private club sport, and the local adult football league may be well served by a multi-purpose field/area. The subcommittee felt that hard surface sports, such as basketball, roller hockey, tennis and skateboard areas were not currently in high demand but perhaps should be considered in the future. A confidence course was also discussed but requires a large financial investment and constant supervision. Cross country running was again noted as a good fit for the sports complex.

**4. WALKING TOUR OF TOWN SPORTS COMPLEX**

The tour of the sports complex property focused on the area currently used by the Buckskin Bowmen, the landfill area, farmland area, and the area currently used by the Midnight Mudders.

**5. DISCUSSION ON NEXT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

The subcommittee agreed to meet again at 6pm on Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. The focus of this meeting would be to discuss paths, snowmobile trails and other site related issues.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Mark Schwantes made a motion that was seconded by Dick Larson to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Culotta, Town Administrator