

**TOWN OF CEDARBURG
TOWN SPORTS COMPLEX SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES
September 8, 2008**

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. INTRODUCTION OF SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Administrator Culotta welcomed the subcommittee members. Each subcommittee member introduced themselves.

3. DISCUSSION ON SUBCOMMITTEE PURPOSE:

Administrator Culotta explained the purpose of the subcommittee, as stated by the Town Board. The purpose of the subcommittee is to gather information and discuss the land use and facility related needs for the sports complex. These needs should address current and future demands. The subcommittee should then provide the Town with recommendations that ultimately will aid in the formal design of the park by professional engineers/architects. It is too early to set an estimated completion date for the park as there are many issues that must first be addressed, including the negotiated transfer of the property with the City of Cedarburg, Mercury Marine, and Emerson Electric. These three entities, along with the Town of Cedarburg, have the authority to direct the property to a new owner. The Town has already begun negotiating with two of the other three entities with the goal of obtaining the property as soon as possible.

Administrator Culotta then reviewed the different elements of the concept plan and explained that the plan was designed to give a general sense of the type of facilities and features that may be well suited for the park. The quantity, location, and type of facilities and features could change as the needs are further defined.

Subcommittee members asked questions and exchanged ideas. Christi Tamsen noted that the cross-country team at Cedarburg High School could benefit from trails within the park. She also explained that a large pond could be useful for the fly fishing class at the high school. Other recreational activities, such as ultimate Frisbee and Frisbee/disc golf were discussed. Steve Schuette explained the archery activities of the Buckskin Bowman, which last about two and a half months out of the year.

Supervisor Salvaggio explained the importance of pedestrian safety in the Five Corners area and how it related to the sports complex property. He also mentioned that the complex could be a hub for the Town's bicycle/trail system.

Chairman Chaney asked the subcommittee members to inventory the area and facility needs for each desired recreational activity, estimate the number of participants for each activity and when these activities would occur. Estimates of the area and facility needs to accommodate tournaments should also be determined for discussion at the next subcommittee meeting.

Chairman Chaney noted the importance of keeping the Park and Open Space Committee informed on the subcommittee's progress. Administrator Culotta agreed to update the Park Committee at each of their meetings.

4. WALKING TOUR OF TOWN SPORTS COMPLEX

The tour was postponed due to inclement weather.

5. DISCUSSION ON NEXT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

The subcommittee agreed to meet again at 6pm on Monday, September 22nd. If the weather permits, the meeting will occur at the sports complex property in order to tour the site.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Jeff Gylland made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve Schuette seconded. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Culotta, Town Administrator