

Village of Dakota Ordinance Meeting

Date - Monday, May 15th, 2023, 6:30 PM

Dakota Village Hall - 112 Main St Dakota, IL

Board Members Attending – Alisha Lizer, Ken Vrazsity, Kaytlyn Vrazsity, Diane Clay, Jon Riley, Eric Lizer, Jeremy Knox

Clerk – Jennifer Knox

Public Attendees – Justin Siemens; Jill and Dan Peppin

Approve Agenda

- Motion made by Eric to approve agenda, seconded by Jeremy, all in favor, motion carried.

Resident Permits and Requests

- **419 W Main St – Justin Siemens**
 - Justin originally appeared before board back in 2018/2019. Approved and fee was paid. Front half is chain link which is staying. The other half is being removed and chain link is being installed. His insurance has certain requirements and locked gates. Board explained should be uniform in material. No fee due since paid previously.
 - **Motion made by Eric to approve fence permit at 419 W Main St, seconded by Ken, all in favor, motion carried.**

New Business

- **Supplemental Outdoor Liquor License Application**
 - Liquor commission was given application and layouts from Rte. 75. They recommended moving forward.
 - **Motion made by Eric to approve Outdoor Liquor License for Rte. 75 Bar and Grill based on liquor commission's recommendation for 2023-2024, seconded by Ken, all in favor, motion carried.**
- **Dakota Park**
 - Dan Peppin of Community Funding & Community Services. Provided DNR OSLAD grant program information. Grant typically due between July and September. OSLAD is a 50/50 grant through DNR up to \$600k. Can be used for anything related to park including excavation, splash pad, pavilion, sidewalk, skate park, fencing.
 - Need to check on ownership of nature trail. Might currently be leasing from the railroad.

- Ideas provided by board
 - Jon – separate area for smaller/younger kids
 - Eric – dead trees removed along nature trail, debris clean up, replace pea gravel with recycled rubber, drinking fountain for smaller kids, ability to fill water bottle, small skate park, more playground equipment.
 - Alisha – help with erosion, lighting, take water to the other side to add a water fountain, speed bumps, crosswalks, frisbee golf.
 - Jeremy – small shelter house, walking path by nature trail, more parking, must be handicap accessible, sidewalks on the other side.
 - Diane – clean up railroad area, shelter house.
 - Kaytlyn – something for younger and older kids, miniature splash pad, more basketball equipment.
- Grant would include engineering fees, CPA fees, construction. Sept deadline. The board would need to find cost estimates. He also has a playground equipment book he can provide. Dan has a contact for play and park structures. He will send info.
- Examples – Rock City Park around \$400k, Elizabeth splash pad around \$400k, Mt Carroll project \$730K
- We will want community input, have a good design but with sewer project it might be put off which would give us time.
- Dan suggested getting quotes with prevailing wages included due to prices going up over time. Can work with local plumbers, electricians, etc.
- Jill will type up ideas and send over list.
- All agree to hold off on the park due to many other things going on; nature trail and any other non-safe items should be completed soon.
- **Village Hall**
 - Jill provided loan/grant information from USDA community facilities program. Unfortunately, we don't qualify for grant/loan mix. It would need to be loan. Loan interest rates are included in the handout. She said we would qualify, and she could help with the process.
 - Alisha explained the struggle with trying to get an inspection and showing the building is an emergency basis.
 - Jill can reach out to find out if anything is available to help with hall issues.
 - No update on sewer plan project, application is being reviewed, should know by end of May.
- **CD Renewal**
 - Two accounts due for CD renewal \$35k each
 - Options – 6, 9, 12, 18 – 4%; 30 – 3.85%; 39 – 2.25%

- Jon – 30; Ken – 30; Eric – 30; Jeremy – 30; Diane – 30.
- **Motion made by Jon to approve both CD accounts at 30 months 3.85%, seconded by Ken 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.**
- **Yard of the Month**
 - Kaytlyn will have in the next week.
 - Everyone agrees Curt and Bailey Daughenbaugh are the winners for June.
- **Maintenance Employee – Sewer Pond Property**
 - Brian suggested Hank Schoenhard to help with sewer pond property work due to the amount of work.
 - To interview, the job needs to be posted and would push out hiring. Indeed is expensive. All agree not to interview.
 - Jon – y; Eric – y; Ken – y; Jeremy – abstain; Diane – y; Kaytlyn – y.
 - **Motion made by Jon to approve hiring Hank Schoenhard for maintenance, seconded by Ken, all in favor, motion carried.**
- **Book Walk**
 - Call came in to request book stations at park. All agreed to allow again.
- **Lawn Mower**
 - Brian found a lawn mower for sale by a private owner for \$200. Would be used for smaller areas.
 - **Motion made by Eric to approve Brian to buy self-propelled mower for \$200, seconded by Jon, all in favor, motion carried.**
 - Diane asked if the mower would be maintained. There is now a checklist to go through.
- **ILEPA Settlement Letter**
 - Alisha received a letter from the office of Attorney General regarding violations from last year. They would like to work with us to reach a settlement. Penalties could be up to \$50k per violation; \$10k per day for each violation. She’s working through IML and Attorney Steve Cox for next steps. She explained we are currently doing a very expensive project and don’t want to continue if they plan to change the rules. Hoping to hear back soon. Deadline is June 15th.
- **Bank Account Fraud**
 - Sewer checking account – checks were sent to pay for sewer loan, checks were intercepted and caused account to be overdrawn. Melody is working with bank. Payments will begin to be sent electronically.
- **Village Hall Electric**
 - Electrical issues continue to happen. Due to it being an emergency, no need to get board approval for dollar amount Ken will contact Bordner to look at outlets.

Old Business

- **Dakota Park Cleanup and Maintenance**
 - Jon – edging sidewalks, leaf removal, low hanging branches, power washing concrete, grass seeding. He suggests maybe hiring landscaping company.
 - Ken – reset brick path by gazebo but can wait until possible project.
 - Eric – red paint splotches from when graffiti was fixed. Spray paint was used. Next time get regular paint.
 - Jeremy – ditch by water tower cleaned up/seeded.
 - Diane – circle area – plant flowers or something if no tree is going to be planted.
 - Kaytlyn – drinking fountain. She will reach out to Toelke. Flower bed/planter box by grill.
 - Alisha – nature trail due to safety. The trees are dead and falling. Will check with Brian and Hank.
 - Jon will reach out to landscaping companies for quotes.
- **Garbage and Recycling Contracts**
 - All three companies are supposed to attend the next meeting.
 - Gill's has better dumpster rates; both give two 65 gallon but can get larger. Need to address garbage cans that are taken when people move before cans go to residence.
 - Alisha torn between Republic and Gill's. Doesn't care for every other week for recycling.
 - Kaytlyn prefers Gill's.
 - Diane leaning towards Republic but after a few questions either is fine.
 - Jeremy prefers Gill's.
 - Eric – concern regarding fee for garbage can replacement from Gill's
 - Ken – Gill's. Reminded all about extra cans and Gill's is very strict on this.
 - Jon – Gill's
- **June 12th meeting topics**
 - Kaytlyn – paint update
 - Diane – trees at the park. Carl Chriss is going to get trees down.
 - Jeremy – quotes for sidewalk, Helm, painting crosswalk
 - Eric – Rob/sewer maintenance; Bordner/generator
 - Ken – Obert/quote on replacing bathroom doors; doors at pump houses.
 - Jon – Ceroni/broken pipe; landscaping
- **Additional Topic**
 - Village Hall Discussion
 - Replace or build or how to handle.

- Jon – new; Ken – new; Eric – new; Jeremy – new; Diane – new; Kaytlyn – new
- Alisha will check into buying community center then maybe add addition to back room.
- Alisha suggested a newsletter mailing twice a year with village information for those not online.
- **Ordinance Update and Developments**
 - Hold off until the next meeting.

Public Comments

- None

Adjourn

- **Motion made by Ken to adjourn, seconded by Eric, all were in favor, motion carried.**

Village Clerk - Jennifer Knox

Time Ended – 8:47PM