

August 3, 2017 (Park & Recreation Committee Meeting)

**DENMARK VILLAGE PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 2017
2:30 PM, DENMARK VILLAGE HALL**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairperson Susan Selner at 2:34 p.m.

Present: Mary Jo Bielinski, Alan Schilke, Susan Selner
Staff Present: Sherri Konkol, Kim Coogle, Erika Sisel, Lew Miller
Others Present: Milt Bielinski, Scott Wagner, Jason Wagner

DISCUSSION ON A PROJECT THE EAGLE SCOUTS WOULD LIKE TO CONSTRUCT IN
MEMORIAL PARK (GAGA BALL PIT)

Scott Wagner, 212 North Wall Street explained that when his older son Shawn was earning his Eagle Scout, he did a project in Memorial Park which was building the bridges on the trails, and now that his son Jason is trying to become an Eagle Scout, he would like to do a project in the park and construct a Gaga Ball Pit in the park. Wagner explained that the project is a leadership project for his son Jason, and he would be the leader on the project with other scouts building it.

Jason Wagner stated he wanted to do this project for something for kids to do in the park, other than just sitting around.

- The Gaga Ball Pit is an octagon with 8 foot sides that are 30-38 inches high.
- There is an opening to get into the pit on either one or two sides of the octagon.
- The diameter of the pit is 22 feet wide.
- The octagon is made with 2 X 12 X 8 foot treated lumber.
- The game is like dodge ball, but the ball can only be hit with an open or closed hand, and if a person is hit below the knees the player is out. If hit above the knees, play continues.
- There will be a poster with rules hung by the pit.
- The game can potentially start with 30 people in the pit.
- The game is suitable for all ages.

Discussion

- Where will the Gaga Pit be placed? Wagner's are open to suggestions, and will work with the Village.
- What about a ball?
- Will players need to bring their own ball? Yes, and this can be included on the rules.
- What will the surface of the playing area be? Wagner prefers wood chips.
- Will the pit need to be anchored? It can be but it is not necessary. It is heavy enough to stand alone.
- What is the cost, and who pays for it? Wagner stated the Village helped out with his older son's project, and that the estimated cost for materials to build the pic is \$531.00. It was suggested to talk with lumber companies about the project to see if any are willing to donate lumber and wood chips for the project.

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Recommendation to the Village Board is to allow Eagle Scout (Jason Wagner) to lead the project of constructing a Gaga Ball Pit in Memorial Park.

DISCUSSION ON PUTTING AN EZ-RINK BACKYARD ICE RINK IN THE BUDGET FOR 2018

Recommendation to the Village Board is to have staff reach out to surrounding communities to see if they have ice rinks, and if they use something like the EZ-Rink, or if they construct their own.

A concern was brought up by a committee member about the maple trees along the Devil's River Trail by the Trailhead Depot. Each tree along that area has dead spots, and should be checked by an arborist. Sisel will have someone take a look at it.

ADJOURN

Selner moved to adjourn at 3:21 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sherri Konkol, Village Clerk.