

Village of Mazon  
Park and Community Development committee meeting  
March 13, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm on March 13, 2023.

Present were; D. Punke, D. Misener, J. Hintze, J. Matteson, D. Hammen, K. Marques and J. Marques

D. Punke asked to consider a recommendation to the Village Board concerning the purchase of playground equipment.

The Village has collected \$13,080 in donations for playground equipment. The Board discussed using up to an additional \$50,000.00 in TIF funds which would be a total expenditure of \$63,000.00. D. Punke will get pricing and bring it to the next committee meeting.

The Board discussed renting the park ball fields to outside leagues. D. Punke said the going rate is \$25.00 - \$50.00 per day.

J. Hintze said he feels the community park foundation should be in charge of renting the park out and collecting the money. The Board disagreed. J. Marques said we should not give an outside entity the permission to rent out Village owned property.

There would be a lot of issues with renting the ball diamonds out and there would be make up games that would need the field before an outside team. The organization would be very difficult to keep track of.

The cost of maintaining the park keeps increasing and we receive no funds for operating expense from School ball or little league. We pay \$50.00 per week to an independent individual to maintain the bathrooms and trash at the park. We also pay for the repairs and upkeep to the building and grounds. Over the past few years the ball teams do not even participate in cleaning up the garbage around the grounds following a game.

D. Hammen suggested that the little league and school ball be contacted asking for them to contribute to the daily clean up and the everyday supply expense so we can avoid renting out the fields. D. Misener will write the letter asking for their participation.

**D. Punke made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:53pm. The motion was seconded by D. Misener. Roll was taken; D. Misener-Yes, D. Hammen- Yes, J. Matteson-Yes, D. Punke-Yes and J. Hintze-Yes.**