

Village of Mazon
Park Committee Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm on February 8, 2024.

Present were: J. Marques, K. Marques, D. Misener, D. Punke, E. Emrich and Attorney C. Dearth.

Guest present were: Robert Rexroad, Matt Field, Melissa Brockman all of Mazon Community Park Foundation, Chad and Sarah Both, Justin Claypool, and Dave Hammen all of MVKYAA.

The meeting was to discuss the transfer of equipment from MVKYAA to the Village of Mazon and to set up terms of use for Ball Diamonds. J. Marques presented an outline of discussion topics.

J. Claypool said he is open to the idea of transferring ownership of equipment to the Village but wants to protect the interest of the MVKYAA.

J. Marques said last March there were issues between MVKYAA and the MCPF regarding the use of the Ball Diamonds for outside teams. At that time the Village Board set a policy that would allow the MVKYAA and MVK school ball to have first use of the Ball Diamonds during their seasons. This decision was in the March 2023 minutes of the Village Board.

R. Rexroad explained that the entire season of the MVKYAA and MVK School Ball would be blocked out and no outside teams would be allowed to use the field during those time frames. Outside teams would be allowed to request use of the field during the off seasons for a fee. In the future the MCPF would like to also schedule tournaments for a fee for outside teams.

It was agreed that any outside teams would not have access to the concession stand.

Sarah Both had concerns about the cleaning of the park and the emptying of the trash cans. Last year they were not emptied and the MVKYAA had to empty the trash. J. Marques explained that Lucille and Richard Payne are hired to clean the bathrooms and empty the trash at the Park, last year they had some medical issues and were not able to do all the work. J. Marques spoke with the Payne's and they assured him they good do the job this season. If it becomes a problem, the position will be reevaluated.

The cost of providing a porta-potty at the small diamond was discussed. In the past the MVKYAA has paid the cost of the porta- potty. J. Marques suggested the porta-potty cost be split between the MCPF and the Village.

Sarah Both had concerns about the Village not fixing equipment or the concession stand. She said in the past several issue went unresolved. J. Marques said the Village must be notified if there are maintenance concerns. All issues need to be reported to the Village Hall and they will be addressed.

Scheduling of the ball diamonds was discussed. It was agreed that MVKYAA and MVK school ball shall have first rights to the field during their seasons and the season will be blocked out for outside teams to use the field. They discussed using Band or game changer for the APP to schedule the field. M. Field said that he wants just one person to be in charge of scheduling the field outside of MVKYAA and MVK School ball seasons.

The charging of a fee for outside team use of the field would need to be deposited into the Village Park fund.

All three entities agreed that the purpose of the Park is for the community and we all need to work together.

Insurance was discussed and the Village of Mazon needs to be named as additional insured for all teams.

Sarah Both had concerns about parking if the field is muddy and closed to parking. C. Dearth explained that the Village has an ordinance regarding parking and they cannot block driveways. J. Marques said that this would be included in the agreement for anyone using the park.

J. Claypool asked what the MCPF does with the money they collect. M. Field said it goes back into the park.

J. Claypool said the scoreboard has been having issues and will need to be replaced soon. M. Field said maybe the MVKYAA and MCPF could split the cost of replacement.

D. Hammen suggest that the entities need to attend each other's meetings and keep open communication. J. Marques said that has been the problem in the past, no communication and it needs to change.

The question of who maintains the ball fields was asked. J. Marques explained that the Village employees mow the park, but the teams will need to maintain the Diamonds.

D. Misener asked that the Clearwater event also be blocked out on the schedule. That was agreed on.

M. Field asked if the equipment has been maintained for this upcoming season. It has not been.

J. Marques said if the MVKYAA will be turning over the equipment to the Village of Mazon there needs to be a detailed inventory.

The Village Attorney would create all documents and agreements.

J. Marques asked how much money the MCPF has. M. Brockman said she is not sure over \$10,000 but less than \$20,000.

It was decided that all fees would be set by the Village Board and Mazon Community Park Foundation.

The Village Park Committee and Mazon Community Park Foundation will meet to set up rules and fees in the near future.

D. Punke made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39pm. The motion was seconded by D. Misener. Roll was taken: D. Misener- Yes, D. Punke-Yes, E. Emrich-Yes. Motion carried.