

Village of Mazon
Park committee meeting minutes
January 29, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm.

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

Guest Present; Robert Rexroad and Matt Field of Mazon Community Park Foundation

The meeting was requested by Mazon Community Park Foundation, to discuss scheduling of the ball diamonds and park use.

Matt Field presented a power point to show scheduling procedures for MVKYAA, MVK School ball and others for use of the ball diamonds. In the past there has been a lack of communication for scheduling which left a lot of time that the fields were not in use. Last year there was a lot of conflict between the organizations, from scheduling to use and possession of equipment. The goal is to work together for the greater good of the community.

They are proposing to use an App called game changer which would be administered by the Mazon Community Park Foundation. This would allow for transparent scheduling of the Diamonds. It is the intent of the Mazon Community Park Foundation to block out the time for the MVKYAA season as well as the MVK school ball season and not allow usage by others for their time period.

The Mazon Community Park Foundation wants to start slow and in the future work on allowing outside teams use of the field for a fee. They would eventually like to extend the use of the fields to tournaments. They are asking for the Village Board to be in partnership with them on this issue and create a list of expectations to be shared with all the entities, so everyone is on the same page and has a clear understanding of the terms of use for the field, equipment and park. In the future there will be a charge for outside teams to use the fields and the money would be used for the maintenance of equipment and fields at the park.

J. Marques explained that there were several issues last year and the Board agreed at that time that the MVKYAA and the school would have first choice of use. There were also issues with who owned what equipment and who could use it. J. Marques recently spoke with Zach Sinnott who is now in charge of the MVKYAA and informed them that they would have first choice on scheduling.

As for the issue with the equipment, any equipment that was given to the park belongs to the Village of Mazon and is for use for all who use the fields. J. Marques said we would need a mandatory meeting with all parties so there is a clear understanding, and we all work together.

D. Misener discussed the cost of upkeep and cleaning at the park and how the Mazon Community Park Foundation can assist. They said they would be willing to help. D. Misener also asked for the Village to be included as an administrator on the APP, they agreed and asked that all scheduling be done by the Mazon Community Park Foundation to prevent any confusion.

E. Emrich expressed his concern about the garbage after games being all over the park, it was suggested that the coaches and teams need to clean up after games.

D. Punke would like to see them move forward with the scheduling program this year.

J. Marques will contact MVKYAA and the school about the ownership of equipment and inform them of the next meeting on February 8, 2024 at 6:00pm.

D. Punke made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:59pm. The motion was seconded by D. Misener. Roll was taken; D. Misener-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, and E. Emrich-Yes. Motion carried.