Council Chambers, Spring Grove, Illinois, June 26, 2018; a meeting of the Parks Committee was held this date at 6:02 p.m., at the Municipal Centre, 7401 Meyer Road, Chairperson McMahon presiding.

Call to Order. The following members were present: Chairperson Bob McMahon and Members Mark Eisenberg, Dawn Iselin, Jeff Letzter, Pat Mazzanti and Lloyd Simonson – 6. Absent: Member Anhalt - 1. Also present for the Village were Judy Olson, Village Treasurer; Bob Walczak, Building & Zoning Officer; Mike Ringler, Crew Leader; and Laura Frumet, Deputy Clerk.

New Business. Discuss Spring Grove Park Concession Stand Maintenance. In attendance were baseball and football representatives and volunteers, including Joe McKeown, Rick Graves and Randy Vinyard.

Discussion ensued regarding the state of the concession stand and its uses over the years. About half of the building is used for storage and it also houses well and electrical equipment. Comets used it as a concession stand for many years, but not in the last five due to the lack of volunteers to run it and also the condition of the building.

The concession stand is about 20 years old and the exterior is in a deteriorating state with rotting plywood siding, and a deteriorating roof, soffit and fascia. The interior drywall is also in bad shape as the roof is leaking. Crew Leader Ringler said the bones appear to be okay but he can’t be sure until the siding is removed. He came up with a material budget of $7,500 for an exterior facelift excluding paint.

It was questioned whether the village has a responsibility to rebuild the concession stand. Member Eisenberg stated the village doesn’t have a park district but we are able to offer some amenities and make the park look nice when people come from out of town for games. It was noted that there were 48 games played at a tournament this past weekend and several restaurant owners enjoyed more weekend business. There has also been a steady increase in the number of small children in the village so the park should continue to be used for many years to come. Concessions help baseball and football to raise money to pay refs and for equipment.

After some discussion both the Committee and sports representatives thought it was in the best interest of everyone to repair the building with a new roof, siding, fascia and soffit and also do some interior work. The village would come up with the funds if the sports group agreed to do the labor. Mr. McKeown, who is in the building trades, said he would give his opinion on the state of the building and the proposed material budget.
Parks Chair McMahon and Crew Leader Ringler will meet with the sports representatives next week and will update the board at the next Village Board meeting.

Public Comment. None.

Other Business. The comets want to build two additions on either side of their announcer’s stand in Thelen Park for more storage. There are enough masonry blocks left over from the dugout that they can use.

Mr. Graves said he knows someone in the asphalt business who is willing to put down asphalt grindings in the parking lot at Thelen Park next year and possibly pave it in 2020 or 2021.

Member Eisenberg reminded Stateline Comets President Rick Graves that the Field Use Agreement between the Village and the Stateline Comets states that at Thelen Park, any revenue earned from advertising signs should be shared 50% with the village.

Parks Chair McMahon mentioned the water heater went out at Thelen Park but is now fixed. The Richmond Spring Grove Rotary purchased new playground equipment for Thelen Park which the village will install. The playground will double in area. The village has been receiving many calls and complaints about the amount of time it is taking to finish Springdale Trails Park. It should be finished up within the next two weeks. The railings at Hatchery Park will be replaced next year.

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Frumet, Deputy Clerk