

September 19, 2017

**Village of Rapids City: Cemetery & Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting
Rock Island County, IL**

Members Present: Don Clark, Rick Fiems, Carolyn Fowler, Dick Robertson

Others Present: Harold Mire and Greg Rankin

Items of Discussion (as per posted agenda):

1. Status of cemetery located on Village owned property
 - a. Robertson reported that the Cemetery Trust appears to be clear that the funds left for the trust state that they are to be used for the Rapids City Village Cemetery. There is a need for clarification as to whether the trust manager would release any funds to support work on this cemetery.
 - b. Discussion of the appropriate next steps followed with members making suggestions as to how the Village should proceed. It was agreed that Robertson would contact the appropriate State agency to seek guidance.
2. Short and long term planning for the improvement of Village playgrounds
 - a. It was agreed that the Committee should work on the development of one and five year plans for the playgrounds.
 - b. Robertson presented information from GameTime relative to the availability of matching grants for playground equipment. Applications for the grants are due November 15, 2017. It was felt that the deadline does not afford the Committee sufficient time to plan appropriately. However Robertson reported that a GameTime representative had offered to work with the committee to provide us with recommendations for future changes/additions. Robertson will contact the representative to schedule a meeting with the Committee to review our current playgrounds and discuss possible additions/changes.
 - c. Clark gave the committee two suggestions relating to the need for shade on the playgrounds (a copy of the suggestions is attached). Clark's suggestions were discussed. Fowler offered to contact Land and Living Waters about the availability of shade trees to be planted on the playgrounds.
 - d. Fiems mentioned the availability of a gazebo that he is willing to donate for use at Sulphur Creek Park. For investigation is needed to determine the possibility of relocating the structure.
 - e. The Committee also discussed the possible need for benches in the playground areas.

Adjourned: 7:15 pm: No action was taken