



VILLAGE OF WEBSTER

**PUBLIC PROPERTY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**
Wednesday, December 7, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.
Webster Community Center
7421 Main Street West, Webster, WI

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Public Property Chairman, Tim Maloney called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. **PRESENT** – Village President, Jeff Roberts; Chairman, Tim Maloney; Trustees, Kelsey Gustafson, Bill Summer and Charlie Weis. Others Present: Clerk/Treasurer, Debra Kuhnly; Laurie Kriegel, Kevin Wilson, Mark Elliott and Sherill Summer. Absent: None.
- III. **PUBLIC NOTICE OF AGENDA, DELETIONS/CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL** –Motion made by President, Roberts to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Trustee, Gustafson. **Motion carried 5-0.**
- IV. **PICKLE BALL COURT** – Chairman, Maloney gave the floor to Gandy Dancer Pickleball Association (GDPA) President, Kevin Wilson. Laurie Kriegel and Mark Elliott were also in attendance representing the GDPA. Kevin gave an overview of Pickleball and stated the GDPA was recently organized as a 501(c) 3 to allow for fundraising efforts to help build and maintain new Pickleball Courts in Webster. For 2023 their outreach activities will include assisting school Phy Ed teachers in teaching kids how to play, offering classes to students’ parents and doing a demonstration and teach senior citizens. They will fundraise in 2023 with the goal of new courts constructed in 2024-2025. What the GDPA needs from the Village is land, funds and ideas on how best to work with the community businesses, banks, foundations and individuals to raise \$155,000 - \$175,000. They asked about Park and Rec Grants. Maloney suggested they reach out to the League of WI Municipalities. Mark asked about the land by the Gandy Trail. Part of the land is owned by the County and a smaller portion by the School District. President, Roberts said a formal request needs to be submitted to the County. Weis asked about the existing concrete slabs and how many new courts GDPA are planning. Kevin said 4 new courts with fencing and the slabs would most likely need to be removed. There is a rendition on the website: www.gandydancerpickleball.org. Maloney asked who is in charge of the day-to-day operations. Kevin would like a representative from the Village Board at their meetings. President, Roberts stated the next step is to contact the School and the County to secure the land. He will reach out to the Superintendent.
- V. **RENTAL FEES, AGREEMENTS AND WAIVERS** – For the past several years, the Community Center’s expenses have exceeded \$16,000 annually. The committee met to discuss raising rental fees and ways to reduce expenses, review all agreements and waivers. The committee was provided copies of all current Public Property Rental and Reservations Agreements and Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreements. Chairman, Maloney stated he would like to standardize all rental agreements. He also asked the committee on how to handle non-profit requests; should the Village charge rental fees or not. Summer said the Village should start charging campers at the Fairgrounds. Discussion took place on the office rentals in the basement of the Community Center. Roberts asked if it is even worth renting those out. The Committee was in favor of no longer renting the offices out as the original intent was for these to be used as incubator space and of course, the expense to the Village. Summer explained communal buildings and individual electrical meters. Weis would like guidelines put in place for fire pits at the

Fairgrounds. After discussing for-profit and not-for profit, the committee is suggesting distinguishing between community organizations (i.e. Lions Club, American Legion). Maloney will review suggested rental fee increases and present at a future meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT. Motion was made by Trustee, Weis to adjourn the Public Property Committee Meeting at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Trustee, Gustafson. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Kuhnly

Clerk/Treasurer

December 7, 2022

***These minutes are subject to approval at next month's Regular Meeting.