

**VILLAGE OF LAC LA BELLE
PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

February 4, 2026

Public Works Superintendent Sam Salzman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Village Hall. Committee members present included Dan Napgezsek, Connie Cummings, and Village Trustee VJ Scully (via zoom), Village Trustee Erik Mullett (via zoom).

Approval of Minutes for January 7, 2025 meeting:

Committee member Cummings made the motion to approve January 5, 2026 minutes. Committee Member Napgezsek seconded. Unanimously approved.

Public Comments:

Jo Goralski, N87 W35399 Mapleton Road, stated Mapleton is a tiny little crossroads that has been there since 1843. Jo suggested making the sign closest to CW say Mapleton Park and expressed concern about how busy the proposed new sign appears. Stating how difficult it would be to see the information while driving by at 45 mph. She would like to see the QR code on the sign closest to the building. She respectfully asked for the Mapleton Park be reestablished. Superintendent Salzman asked if the community wanted Mapleton Community Park or Mapleton Park.

Michael Gutchenritter, N87 W34229 Mapleton Road, he seconds what Jo said before him. He would like the committee to have Mapleton within the name of the park. It's part of the area's history.

Mary Swedberg, W359N9054 Brown Street, agreed with everything Jo Goralski stated. Mary voiced her opinion on the new names suggested and would like to see it called Mapleton Community Park because it talks about being a community not just one more park.

Keith Granum, N53 W34296 Road Q, addressed Pondview Park and the pavilion. He asked if it was possible to pave a sidewalk up to the pavilion. He asked if the Public Works Department mows a path all the way around the park and stated when his children have walked the path, the mowing just ends.

Mike Goralski, N87 W35399 Mapleton Road, reiterated what was said early, stating it's important to keep Mapleton in the name of the park.

Discussion and possible action on signage at the Mapleton Community Center:

Trustee Scully explained the renaming of the park was the committee trying to get a brand across and keep all the parks consistent. The committee's intent was to honor history and not remove it. Committee Member Cummings was appreciative of the community showing up and expressing opinions. She stated the suggested new name was not to get rid of Mapleton. Superintendent Salzman proposed the name Mapleton Community Park and the community members present all agreed with the name. A new sign will be created and presented to the Village Trustees.

Discussion on possible action on pavilion at Pondview Park:

Superintendent Salzman updated the committee members of the Village Board requests before deciding. The Village Trustees would like to know exactly where the pavilion would be located, hours, would it be open for public use all the time, and how would the neighbors around the park feel about having a pavilion within the park. Once all information is gathered the committee can present their recommendations to the Village Trustees during a meeting.

Committee member Mullett asked where does the community get the greatest benefit of a pavilion? Is Pondview the best Park for the pavilion?

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Superintendent Salzman brought up the GIS map of the park. The committee had extensive discussion regarding locations within Pondview for the pavilion and the option of utilizing a different park location.

Any Other business:

Superintendent Salzman informed the committee that Jeff, the Village Administrator, suggests holding off on working at Three Oaks Park until the final plat is submitted and approved.

Set Next Meeting Date:

TBD

Adjourn:

Committee member Scully made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Committee member Cummings. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 am.

Respectfully submitted –
Danielle DuCharme
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer