

**Grand Rapids Village Council
Buildings, Parks, Properties, and Maintenance Committee Meeting
September 25, 2023**

The Buildings, Parks, Properties, and Maintenance committee met on Monday, September 25, 2023, at 6:15 p.m. at the Olde Fire Station. In attendance were committee members Martha Frantz, Lynn Sylvain, and Rachel Smith. Mayor John Berry, Council members Jody Donsbach, Louise Estep, Rick Tolles, Village employees Chad Beyer and Kristel Beyer were also present.

The committee met to discuss potential projects that could be submitted for a Parks Grant application, being completed by the Village Administrator. The Village Council has authorized the Village Administrator to submit this application, so the meeting was solely intended to present ideas for the grant application. The application is completed for different tier levels, so various ideas were presented at different cost levels. Some of the ideas discussed were bike racks that would be placed throughout the Village, a shelter house for the playground located at the former elementary school property, and pickleball courts.

There was a conversation about the location of the pickleball courts and whether they should be set at a new location, or placed over the existing tennis courts. There was also a discussion about budgeting for the maintenance and upkeep should the pickleball courts be installed. During the discussion, it was mentioned that the playground equipment needs to be repainted and that additional wellness/AARP grant funding could be pursued for additional exercise equipment.

The dialogue from this meeting was intended to present the Village Administrator with suggestions or ideas for the grant application, and there are no recommendations from the Committee, at this time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel M. Smith
Buildings, Parks, Properties and Maintenance Chairperson