

**Comprehensive Plan  
Steering Committee (SPSC)  
Village of Godfrey  
Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2019**

Meeting was called to order by Jim Mager at 6:04 p.m. at the Village Hall, 6810 Godfrey Road, Godfrey, Illinois 62035

Roll Call:

Lowell Beuttel, Steve Koeller, Mark Lorch, Jill Lane, Karen McAtee, Dennis O’Neal, George Provenzano, John Roberts, Linda Wheaton, Jennifer Russell, Jim Mager, and Mary Mager (Scribe).  
Visitor: Jeff Weber

Minutes were accepted as presented.

Todd Strubhart, Director of Godfrey Parks and Recreation gave a presentation of the history, current activities and future plans for the Department. He highlighted three important things that make a community attractive are; schools, public safety and parks (quality of life). He stated that Glazebrook Park encompasses 80 acres. He also listed Homer Adams Park. Also mentioned were Jake Ringering Park at Clifton Terrace, and Piasa Bird Park. He went on to say there are plans, and some funding, for bike trails to connect those parks. Eventually the bike trails are planned to run from Glazebrook down to the Vandalabene bike trail system. He mentioned that with a \$75,000 grant, the Glazebrook baseball diamond is going “green.” Other items mentioned were:

- LCCC owns field #5 and Godfrey will likely lose usage next year
- There are currently 4 lighted fields, which will allow the capability to hold tournaments
- There are future plans for a splash pad, astroturfing of fields, additional bike trails, and development of additional athletic fields
- Godfrey has a total of 240 acres of park space; plus another 10 acres leased
- When LaVista facility is complete, it will be one of the top 18 hole disc golf courses in the mid-west
- Annual Park and Recreation events include; Arbor Day, Family Fun Day (July 4), Corn Maze Festival, and the Snowflake Festival
- The “Tucker’s Trail” at LaVista; and the need to have restroom facilities

After the Park and Recreation presentation, a general conversation continued as to the future of Godfrey. The summation is as follows:

- The position statement should remain the same as originally developed. There was some discussion in a previous meeting that Godfrey should position itself as a “college town.” Upon further review the “college town” concept is not really feasible.
- Part of the comprehensive plan should include working with LCCC to leverage and promote “cultural events” that are hosted by the College.

- Opportunities to utilize College facilities to host and promote community events should also be explored.

George Provenzano announced the dedication of the Benjamin Godfrey Trail would be held at LCCC on September 21 at 2:00. It will be held behind the Chapel.

There was continued discussion of the “town center” concept. *A motion that “the town center should be centrally located in the center area of Godfrey Road (behind MotoMart). This town center should be defined by boutique shops, dining, pedestrian travel, entertainment, restaurants, etc.. The northern end of Godfrey road should target ‘national brands, big box and interstate commerce types of businesses’.”* The motion was made by Linda Wheaton, seconded by Mark Lorsh. The motion carried with one “Na” and two abstentions (Weber and McAtee).

It was decided the speaker for the next meeting would be Mr. Roger Lewis, Executive Assistant to John Simmons. If he is not available, it will be Laura Dixon, Godfrey Building and Zoning.

Next meeting will be September 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jim Mager

Director of Economic Development