

Village of Boaz  
Board of Trustees  
Special Meeting  
Tuesday, April 23, 2024  
Boaz Community Building  
6:00 p.m.

Present: President Jean Nicks, Trustee Kerry Gies

Absent: Trustee Judy Adrian

Others: Misty Molzof (Assistant Director, Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SWWRPC)), Benjamin Dalberg (Plan Commissioner), Susie Hauri (Village Clerk/Treasurer)

President Nicks called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. She noted that the meeting had been posted at the Boaz Community Building and online at <https://boazwi.gov/meetings>. Proper notice to news media (*The Richland Observer*) had been given.

Trustee Gies made a motion to accept the agenda; seconded by President Nicks. Motion carried.

Misty Molzof from SWWRPC presented a chart showing all the proposed improvements for Boaz Community Park and the estimated costs totaling \$364,731.35. The Stewardship grant, if awarded, would cover \$182,000 and the Village of Boaz would be responsible for \$182,000.

Molzof presented the Village with the following options:

Options:

1. Send Application in by May 1<sup>st</sup> and apply for up to 50% of the funding.
  - a. Could possibly get up to \$182,000 in grant funds
  - b. Need to match up to the \$182,000 out of contributions, budget, donations, and in-kind labor
  - c. Award would be announced in August-October 2024 and awarded in 2025
    - i. Project would have to start in 2025
    - ii. Project would have to be complete by June 2027
2. Wait until 2025 to apply
  - a. Apply for Stewardship funds as prepared already and is presented tonight.
  - b. Coordinate with Richland County to apply for ATV/UTV / Snowmobile Grant
    - i. Stewardship \$ can be used as a match for ATV/UTV
    - ii. Applying for and could receive approximately for current projects:
      1. \$138,400 from ATV/UTV
      2. \$133,460 from Stewardship
      3. \$92,860 in Village Match – contributions, donated labor, donations, in-kind.
  - c. Award would be announced in August-October 2025 and awarded in 2026
    - i. Project would have to start in 2026
    - ii. Project would have to be complete by June 2028

Trustee Gies made a motion to not submit the grant paperwork at this time and work with area organizations and Richland County for an application date of April 2025; seconded by President Nicks. Motion carried.

A special meeting was scheduled for September 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. In preparation for that meeting the Boaz Village Board is responsible for ensuring that representatives from all special interest groups (ATV/UTV, Snowmobile, Pullers, etc.) and Richland County attend this meeting.

The Board immediately will begin reaching out to companies to get bids for projects on bid forms/formalized documents. Molzof will call on September 5<sup>th</sup> to retrieve this information from the Board.

This will be an item on every regular Village Board agenda going forward.

Trustee Gies made a motion to adjourn at 7:12 p.m.; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried.

Submitted by Susan Hauri, Clerk/Treasurer