

COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE
VILLAGE OF ETRICK BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
May 22nd, 2023

A Meeting of the Village of Ettrick Board of Trustees Committee of the Whole was called to order by Village President Marc Baures at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 22nd, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call was taken and the following were present: Trustees Kaylee Waldvogel, Pete Filla, Dan Molstad, Harold Olson, and Dana Stoner, President Marc Baures, Village Clerk Jane Jensen, Village resident Karen Peters and Andrew Dannehy of the Trempealeau Co. Times. Trustee Josh Hanson was absent;

Marc Baures reported that access to the Ettrick Community Center policies have been changed by the GET School District. Center users are now issued a key fob instead of a key and the fob is programmed with a time limit for access. Marc Baures asked village resident Karen Peters for input on the new policies. Karen said that she would like to see more access for community members, with possible set open hours. Marc also said he had received an email from Shelley Anibas who stated that the Community Center has provided a great opportunity to meet other community members. She said her family used it 3 or 4 times a week, but now the new policies make access more restrictive. Harold Olson said the facility used to be open to the public after 4:00 p.m. when it was not being used by the school and not reserved by another party. The keys were distributed by the office staff at Ettrick Elementary. He said he is not aware of any problems or vandalism at the Community Center and does not know why this was changed.

Pete Filla said that the new fob system seems to be punitive, and that accessibility should be improved. Marc said he received positive feedback from GET District Administrator Michelle Butler and she is open to discussion on the policies. She said that currently the fobs are numbered and programmed with time limits for use of the center. Marc also noted that GET agrees that access should be improved, but they had not decided who should administer keys. Pete Filla and Kaylee Waldvogel said they do not like the time limits. Marc suggested that the Village could administer keys as well as the school. Harold Olson said that the school district should administer the keys. Dan Molstad agreed that Jane Jensen should not be distributing keys from the Village Office. That should be done at the school. Harold Olson said that policies for access to the Community Center should be left as they are, with the GET School District and the Village of Ettrick reviewing and adjusting the parameters as needed, such as changing the time limits and making people with fobs checked out responsible for the facility. Marc Baures suggested holding an initial sign-up drive for anyone wishing to use the center. He said he is confident that drive can be administered by volunteers.

Marc Baures then stated that the Committee of the Whole will take action to make a recommendation to the GET School Board to leave the Ettrick Community Center Policies as they are with the following Guidelines:

Key Fob – Community Access – Ettrick Community Center

Guidelines:

1. Can be used after 5 p.m. on school days during the school year.
 - a. Can be used anytime during summer, weekends and holidays.
2. Can't be used when school functions are occurring (sports games, programs, etc.).
3. Adult (18 or older) must be present. Adults are responsible for minors.
4. Can't be used when reserved for other function (Gymnasium, Common Area).
5. The facility closes at a time to be determined unless specific reservations and approval have been granted.

Create a contract/agreement for having a key fob:

1. Must provide proof of residency in Village or Town of Ettrick.
2. Must agree to above guidelines (1-5).
3. Understand that access privileges can be revoked for violating above guidelines, damaging facilities, not cleaning up, etc.
4. Agree that the key fob will not be shared/given to anyone else.
5. Agree to pay a deposit for the fob to cover the cost of the fob and activation.
6. Agree to share the facilities with other residents unless a specific reservation had been made.
7. User assumed liability for use.

Weight room keys will be issued separately.

A motion was made by Pete Filla, seconded by Kaylee Waldvogel to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. The motion carried 6 to 0.

Jane Jensen
Village Clerk
Village of Ettrick