

Park Committee Meeting Minutes

The Park Committee meeting was called to order on Thursday, July 27, 2017 by Chairman, Sandy Thompson at 4:00 pm at the Town of Onalaska Town Hall. Members present; Chris O'Hearn, Josh Storandt, Jerry Monti, and Sandy Thompson. Members absent: Annette Winchell

Motion to approve the agenda. Motion by Monti, 2nd by Storandt. Motion passed unanimously (MPU).

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 30, 2017 meeting. Motion by Storandt, 2nd by Monti. MPU.

Discussion and possible action regarding maintenance of Town parks and Town cemeteries.

There were many town residents in attendance at this committee meeting, so there was a motion and second, with unanimous approval to open the floor for this agenda item. Most, if not all in attendance were there regarding Apple Valley park and the loss of all the trees in that park. Comments from the floor included replacing trees with multiple species, giving depth and diversity. Also be aware of size and how to protect from deer. Comments regarding playground equipment and age and safety of equipment. Another comment regarding nothing being done regarding tennis courts in Apple Valley. Is there a plan? Should check into grants and sponsorship opportunities. Residents are concerned that nothing has been done regarding this. Motion to close the floor by Storandt, 2nd by Monti, MPU It was determined that we would find the parks study from a few years back and review it for recommendations and plans as we move forward with the needs of each park. Noted that bleacher replacement and repair was now progressing. Discussed status of volley ball courts and basketball hoops.

Discussion and possible action on use of potential funds to be received from Sandy Knolls Park land being for bike-pedestrian path.

At this time there is no official value estimate and there remains an undetermined time frame from LaCrosse County. Motion by Monti, 2nd by O'Hearn to recommend to the Board that any funds received from the Sandy Knolls Park land will be used only for Park Capital Improvements and tree replacement expenses in parks. MPU

Discussion and possible action on action regarding creation of park needs list for possible Boy Scout project lists

Sandy provided a short list of possible projects at this time. No other suggestions were added to list. Motion by Storandt, 2nd by Monti to recommend that the Board pass the current list on to the Scouts. MPU

Discussion and possible action on weed treatment for Town parks and cemeteries

Jerry Monti has had contact with Walsh Golf Center regarding a product they recommend. Product costs \$259.00 for 2.5 gallons, which dilutes to 200 gallons of useable product. This product could last for two or three years if used on all parks and cemeteries. Motion by O'Hearn, 2nd by Storandt to recommend that the Board proceed with product procurement and treatment IF Town equipment supports application. MPU

Discussion and possible action regarding possible disillusion of Maple Shade Addition Playground tax parcel 10-1511-0

Chairperson Thompson had contact with Holmen School District personnel, and determined that they would be interested in accepting this property. They believe that they have to take to their annual meeting for approval. The Town also needs approval at an Electors meeting. Thompson will pursue necessary next possible steps with Atty Lee Tourine from Town's Corporate Counsel. This item shall remain on future agendas for continued discussion and decisions.

Discussion and possible action on lighting in Swarthout Park

Reviewed current utility bills. Consistently very low. No action needed at this time

Discussion and possible action on damage to parks relating to July 19, 2017 Storm event

Motion by Storandt, 2nd by Monti to proceed with necessary repairs in a timely manner. MPU

There was a motion and a second to adjourn. MPU Meeting adjourned at 5:08 PM

Respectfully submitted by Chris O'Hearn, Secy. Parks Committee