

Park Committee Meeting Minutes

The Park Committee meeting was called to order on Thursday, September 28, 2017 by Chairman, Sandy Thompson at 4:00 pm at Apple Valley Park shelter at W6535 Schilling Road, Onalaska, WI. Members present; Chris O'Hearn, Jerry Monti, Annette Winchell and Sandy Thompson. Members absent: Josh Storandt

Motion to approve the agenda by Monti, 2nd by O'Hearn. Motion passed unanimously MPU.

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 31, 2017 meeting by Monti, 2nd by O'Hearn. MPU.

Discussion on Apple Valley Park trees. Motion to open the floor by Monti, 2nd by O'Hearn MPU

Bid was received and presented to committee from Christian Farm Nursery for tree replacement. Bids were reviewed. It was discussed that approximately 25 trees were removed from the Park due to Emerald Ash Borer disease. Neighborhood attendees asked about purchasing and planting a tree themselves. There was interest in starting a fund that the neighborhood could contribute to as a supplement the Town's budget on this. It was discussed that the bid received for 30 or 50 trees was too many, and that we also needed competitive bids. It was also discussed that we need less variety of trees, but still keep a good mix. Motion to close the floor by Monti, second by O'Hearn, MPU Motion by Monti to ask Town Board for approval to spend \$5,000.00 for trees and \$1,000.00 for watering plan for however many trees that will get us, to be planted this year yet. Second by Winchell, MPU

Discussion of Apple Valley Park tennis court. Motion to open the floor by O'Hearn, second by Monti, MPU

There was discussion that the court was used a lot when it was in useable condition. It was noted that we could accept sponsorship or individual donations, so long as we did not change the name of the park. Committee member Josh Storandt, is an employee of Altra Federal Credit union, and has advised the Chair that he would be pursuing conversation with Altra about possibly sponsoring the restoration of the tennis court in Apple Valley Park. Discussion included that the fence was in good shape and it just needed resurfacing, which is costly. There was a discussion of turning it into a multi-use court, including basketball, pickle ball, tennis, etc. The Chair will also be checking with the City of Onalaska regarding resources since they fairly recently updated their tennis courts. Motion to close the floor by Monti, second by Winchell, MPU No action was needed or taken on this item.

Discussion on Maple Shade addition Playground – tax parcel 10-1511-0.

The chair updated the committee that the Holmen School Board reps have indicated that they are still interested in having this parcel turned over to them legally and would pay all costs associated with it. We now need to take this to an electors meeting before we proceed with any other legal action necessary.

Discussion and possible action on the Town accepting individual donations or corporate sponsorships for park equipment or facilities.

The Chair reported that the Town's Corporate Counsel has advised that we may accept these types of funds for specific park projects or facilities, so long as we do not change the name of the park.

Discussion and possible action on fulfillment of Parks Committee vacancy.

Motion to add Al DeBauch to Parks Committee by Monti, second by O'Hearn, MPU. Motion to add Ben Bockenbauer to Parks Committee by Monti, second by Winchell, MPU

Discussion and possible action in regards to schedule of Park Committee meetings

Motion to approve changing the Parks Committee meeting to the last Wednesday of the month at 4:00 PM by Monti, second by Winchel , MPU That leaves meeting dates for the remainder of the year as October 25, November 29, and December 27.

Motion to adjourn by O'Hearn, second by Winchell, MPU. Meeting adjourned at 4:49PM

Respectfully submitted by Sandy Thompson, Chair, Parks Committee