

Park Committee Meeting **DRAFT Minutes April 25th, 2018**

The Park Committee meeting was called to order on Wednesday, April 25th, 2018 by Chairwoman Sandy Thompson at 4:02 pm at the Onalaska Town Hall, N5589 Commerce Rd., Onalaska, WI 54650.

Members present: Sandy Thompson, Supervisor Jerry Monti, Chris O'Hearn, Al DeBauch

Motion by Jerry Monti to approve the agenda, second by Al DeBauch, Motion passed unanimously (M.P.U.).

Motion by Jerry to approve the February 2018 minutes, with any necessary corrections, second by Al. M.P.U.

Status report on any available grants, sponsorships or donations for parks equipment, trees or facilities.

Nothing to report, no action.

Discussion and possible action on development of long term schedule for upgrading, replacing, removal and repair of our park's playground equipment, including discussion of current funds available or to be budgeted for the future needs.

Committee identified need for a long range plan, acknowledges park needs throughout town, acknowledges this years budget has no allocation. Noted vendors may be able to assist with grants, and having a specific proposal may assist board with budgeting, or donors with assisting. Sandy to collect further information from vendors and consultants re: grant opportunities. Possibility of setting future goal to rehab x number of parks / year.

Discussion and possible action on how to better determine which parks are used more, and which get little or no use.

Sandy will assign 3 parks to committee members. Suggested visiting neighbors to assess usage.

Discussion and possible action regarding what Holmen baseball is offering for ideas for baseball park improvements, and what their offers and abilities could be to assist with these projects.

Annette to research. No further information at this time.

Discussion and possible action on recommendation for volunteer for maintenance of Swarthout Park Gardens

Renee Johnson previously maintained flower garden, she is leaving area. Sandy to seek volunteers.

Discussion and possible action on addition of Little Library houses to town parks

Offer was made to supply "Little Libraries" for placing in parks. Would need checking, will check with crew. Jerry made motion to recommend board acceptance of offer of placement of Little Libraries in some town parks. 2nd by Al, MPU.

Discussion and possible (action) Christian Farms proposal for long range tree replacement for town parks

Quote in progress, not received yet.

Discussion and possible action regarding seeking a filling of open position on Parks Committee.

Josh unable to serve. Town Chairman Rolly Bogert recommends Supervisor Paula Przywojski. Motion by Chris O'Hearn to accept Paula Przywojski to Parks Committee. 2nd by Jerry. M.P.U.

Motion by Jerry to Adjourn, 2nd by Al. M.P.U. @ 4:48pm.

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