

Park Committee Meeting Minutes

The Park Committee meeting was called to order on Friday, March 31, 2017 by Frank Fogel at 11:00 am at the Town of Onalaska Town Hall. Members present; Frank Fogel, Chris O'Hearn, Ron Addleman, and Sandy Thompson. Maryt Rinehart excused, Anette Winchell absent.

Thompson motion to approve the agenda. Addleman seconded the motion Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2016 meeting. Motion by Addleman, seconded by Fogel. Vote delayed to next month as no other members present were present at that meeting to vote.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Addleman to appoint Josh Storandt to the Parks Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Addleman to place refuse and recycle totes at all parks and boat landings and to pay close attention to any problems that may require changes to how to handle this. Discussion followed regarding what other options the haulers might be able to offer us, including using the haulers totes at boat landings. Motion withdrawn. Motion by Fogel, seconded by O'Hearn to defer to next month and Fogel to get additional information from hauler regarding containers at boat landings.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by O'Hearn to proceed with tree removal in Swarthout Park with Trees Today for their bid of \$3,000.00 to remove 32 trees, including stumps and clean up. During discussion it was clarified that this action had previously been approved by both the Parks Committee and the Board and had inadvertently communicated to Trees Today so it never got done. They have agreed to still honor the price. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Addleman to hire Trees Today to remove 29 ash trees from Apple Valley Park for a cost of \$100.00 per tree and the Town would be responsible for clean up. During discussion it was determined that the crew could do clean up if needed, but that we would have the Clerk check into getting folks to do this that needed community service work. Also to move this along as quickly as possible to hopefully have completed prior to the start of softball field usage. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by O'Hearn to proceed with getting information regarding grant(s) to resurface tennis courts in Apple Valley Park. During discussion the possibility was discussed of removing the fence and doing this ourselves, of removing the fence and asphalt and seeding over to simply remove the court, as well as getting more input from the neighborhood residents. We further research all these things at the same time we are getting for information regarding grant possibilities. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Addleman to have the few small trees in Strawberry Commons Park removed by the crew, including putting them through the chipper. During discussion it was determined that Frank would continue conversation with an individual who could do all stumps reasonably in the parks where our crew can do the work. Reviewing a proposal of this will be a future agenda item. Motion passed unanimously.

Addleman advised us that the crew had researched the cost of replacement of basketball hoops in Strawberry Commons Park, and advised that we need 2 hoops and backboards. There are units available that are fully assembled and just clamp onto existing poles. Motion by Thompson, seconded by Addleman to direct crew to proceed with replacing two hoop/backboard bolt on type units on the poles in Strawberry Commons Park for a cost not to exceed \$500.00 total. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by O'Hearn to have the crew remove the trees that need to come down in Heritage Hills Park. During discussion it was determined that, again, these were small and crew could cut down and put through chipper. Stump grubbing will be followed up on in future committee action. Motion passed unanimously.

The removal of trees in First Prairie Park was deferred to next month's committee meeting as they are too big for crew to handle. Fogel will talk to Town resident Chad Devine who cuts down trees at no cost to get the wood for home heating. There are 3-5 trees in this park that need to come down.

Motion by O'Hearn and seconded by Thompson to have the crew remove the 3 or 4 small trees in Terrace Heights Park. The removal of the bigger ones will need to be contracted out and can postponed till at least next year. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Thompson, and seconded by O'Hearn to have the crew remove the one tree that must come out in Town Hall Park. In discussion it was clarified that the tree inside the fence is not Park Committee decision because it is not part of the park. It will need to be contracted out for removal and it will require board action decision. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Thompson, seconded by O'Hearn at approximately 12:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by committee member, Sandy Thompson (acting secretary of this meeting in the absence of the Clerk)