

## Parks Committee August 20, 2007

Bill Becker called the Parks Committee meeting to order at 7:00PM in the meeting room at the town hall. Present Bill Becker, James Rossol, Mark Franke, Michael LeClair, Michael Parent, Jane Pluff, Doug Smith & 1 visitor. Absent Robert Schultz.

Clerk verified posting. Motion made/second Mark/Mike LeClair to accept the agenda. Carried.

Accept minutes – Questions were brought up regarding Open Meeting Law. Clerk and Deputy Clerk explained that agenda items have to be specific and will get information regarding the law to Jim. An example is that “old business” cannot be its own line item on the agenda. You could put “old business” and then something specific behind it. Jim also questioned why discussion of soccer nets was in the minutes from the previous meeting, but he doesn’t recall that being on the agenda. Deputy Clerk verified the next day that agenda item #6 from the July 16, 2007 meeting was “Discuss soccer nets at Rec. Park.” Motion made/second Jim/Mark to accept the minutes. Carried.

A visitor in attendance wanted clarification of agenda item #9, “Update on Gerdman Property – Mike LeClair, Bill Becker.” She was under the assumption that it was referring to Gerdman’s property on Hwy 57. Bill clarified that it’s actually referring to the property behind the cedar hedge by Associated Bank where boat trailers can park. Jim mentioned it might be a good idea to come up with some different names to prevent confusion at a future meeting.

Discuss/decide time for starting meetings – Time will remain at 7:00 PM.

Update on Anclam Park – See attached handout from Jim Rossol and Mike LeClair for ideas they came up with that could be done at Anclam. They walked around the park; there are two parts for Anclam Park about planning. Consider the time line for completing the storm sewer project. They feel some major repairs and new construction would be best set for the same time. Some of the smaller issues are the landscaping, and playground equipment. He feels the first investment would be to do a new engineering study along with new landscaping, band shell with blankets and lawn chairs on the lawn, have bands play and maybe do fireworks along with the shows that are on display. Remove the turn around area and place grass along with a Gazebo for the people to enjoy. Bob gave Jim some material on an ice skating area. Jim stated we should consider a wide handicap accessible low maintenance walkway; we would have to decide what the walkway would be made out of. Low impact lighting from the parkway area to the end of the jetty. Viewing area and benches at the end of the jetty. Expand the parking area to the southern lot line along with the lighting. He would also like water lines run out on the jetty and landscape areas when the storm sewers are put in place. He also discussed the wind surfers and the plus side of having them on the beach. He suggested making it friendlier for the group. Clerk stated she did have complaints about them because they do not consider families swimming or just using the beach. Bill felt some of this could be handled with direction signs. Business Association takes care of the sign at Anclam Park.

Motion made/second Mike L/Jim requesting the Town Board to share everything they receive on the storm sewers with them. Carried.

Update on Rec. Park – Mark Franke, Mike Parent – Mike and Mark met with Bob Schultz at the Rec. Park on Sunday. They would like to see what routine maintenance is. Also how much more has to be spent at the Rec. Park. Discussions on the Fitness walk area. Jim R felt this should be considered for the budget. Clerk inform the committee that the town board takes into consideration everything at budget time and there are things that just cannot be done. The town has some major expenses coming up that must be completed. They would like to see some paving done at the Rec. Park, run a water line to the ball fields (both baseball and softball), soccer field goal post, (football and soccer). The combo goals would be \$3525, to get parts to make new football goals on the donated goals would be \$2965 plus the hiring to weld could add another \$600.00. The suggestion was to take the donated goals out and buy the combo goals. Put the donated goals up for practice. Would still have to purchase the netting and back bracing.

Finish the soffit on the building, painting the building, the roof is leaking and needs repair. The roof must be fixed this coming year. Mark will come back with some cost for the paint. Mark will also talk with the Paul/John Gray and see what they have used on their roof. The bleachers from the school have to have new boards. Mark figured the planking would be about \$560 from Van's. Mark stated they will try to install the bleachers this year and replace the boards next year. Additional cost for the steps and railings on each end. The old bathrooms are gutted out and one side will be used for football/soccer material, and other side for town equipment. The Little League fund will purchase some new foul poles for the field. They will be about \$990.00. They will look the same as the hard ball field. The end of the baseball season the committee will keep the field unlocked. Bill still wants to discuss this issue more with Jim Parent. They also need new tarps for the baseball field. They would like to see the picnic area in next year's budget.

Update on Kendall Park- Mats for under swings have been ordered and will be delivered this week. We have ordered 9 mats. They will be placed in Kendell, Anclam, Rec. Park areas. Instructions should be sent with them. We will check to see if they make mats for the Merry Go Round area. The drain at the drinking fountain needs to be fixed. If not this fall than next spring before it is turned on. All playground equipment must be checked each spring. Bill talked about the money budget for the Pavilion this year. Clerk stated Bob wants it transferred to the Road account for Ridges Road. Bill suggested budgeting \$50000 for a new pavilion for next year.

Update on School House Park – Jim Rossol, Mike Parent –They walked the area. They need parking in the area. If we did the parking lot that would remove a lot of the green space. Clerk explained the Resolution that was completed several years ago about the park remaining green space. Jim R. feels we should consider selling the property. Another suggestion was also having a band shell against the bluff. They feel there could be more benches in the area.

Update on Gerdman Property- Mike LeClair/Bill Becker – Mark stated they cut the area about 3 times this year. Clerk stated the area was included in parking for the Marina. It would be hard to change to anything else except parking. The only problem is if there could be some order of parking the vehicles/trailers for better use. Other than that no other recommendations.

The discussion of budgets will be on the next agenda. Clerk will have print outs of past couple of years budget and expenses so they have something to go by. Bill will also come to the town board meeting to give a report.

Motion made/second Mike/Mark to adjourn 9:30 PM. Carried.

Town Clerk, Jane Pluff