

Parks Committee July 16, 2007

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

Clerk verified posting. Motion made/second Bill/Mark to accept agenda. Carried.

Accept minutes – Motion made/second Jim/Mark to accept minutes. Carried.

Recommend appointment of Mike LeClair to the Parks Committee – Motion made/second Bill/Mark to recommend to the Town Board the appointment of Mike Leclair. Carried. Bob will recommend to the board at next meeting.

Update on Anclam Park – Bill talked to some people that come up from Oshkosh to go sail boarding. They said that Anclam is one of the best spots in northeastern Wisconsin for that. In the future, when the town redoes the drainage system, we should keep that in mind and perhaps recommend it be kept that way. Mark wondered if there was any negative feedback regarding the surfers. Jane thought that only once had someone complained that one of the surfers came in and was rather rude. Mark and Jeff also put down some ashtrays because there had been “hundreds” of cigarette butts. There’s also one person that hooks up a shower somehow. Mike LeClair thinks there isn’t much complaining because the county beach on Ridges Road is better for kids. Jim said he enjoys the kites and they brighten up the harbor. When it gets redone, maybe we should think about making it better for them, as well as for kayaks. It was decided that each park should have 2 committee members dedicated to it. Mike LeClair and Jim will take Anclam Park. Mark and Mike Parent will handle the Rec Park. Bill and Mark with Kendall Park. Jim and Mike Parent for Schoolhouse Park. Mike LeClair & Bill Becker at Gerdman Park. Mark asked if there had been any more talk about moving the pavilion from Kendall Park and, if so, could it be moved to Anclam.

Discuss soccer nets at Rec. Park – Mark found a combined soccer goal/football field goal. Doug requested a price quote from the company but has not heard back yet.

Discuss maintenance and fall schedule at Rec. Park – Bleachers have been donated. Ground needs to be prepared for them. Motion made/second Jim/Mark to prepare ground for bleachers. Bill would like to set up a meeting with Jim Parent, Bob Schultz, Mark Franke, Jeff Kita and himself to talk about maintenance issues. Will possibly also include coaches of teams that use the field. Town chairman wants the field to be open for the public, but that brings up a maintenance issue. If the field gets prepared on Friday for a Sunday game and someone uses it on Saturday, it has to be prepared again. Do we call the maintenance department? Are the coaches responsible for it? Sevastopol hires 2 college kids for the summer and that’s their job. They ready the fields, stock the concession stand, and generally just get everything ready. Another thing that might have to be brought up is user fees. It was brought up that whoever is hired for the Rec. Park should be doing everything, not just cutting the lawn. In Sevastopol, the only ones the

college kids don't do are the Cubs games. People would have to volunteer. Couples take turns doing the concession stand. Bobby talked to the Chairman about hiring someone. We may have to look at some different park models, as far as what other townships do. Another way some little league/kid's leagues do it is to have the parents on a rotating schedule that they have to work the concession stand. Clerk will call to find out about ordering and who opens, etc. Bill will arrange a general discussion with the parties mentioned previously.

Discuss purchase and addition of mats under swings and merry-go-round at Kendall Park – In Sister Bay they bought mats so when kids scuff their shoes they don't dig into the woodchips. Also would be softer if kids would fall. Mats are 4x6 feet. Motion made/second Mark/Jim to recommend to Town Board that they buy 9 of the cushioned playmats for the 9 swings at the various town parks. Carried.

Motion to enter into Closed Session per state statute 19.85 (1) (e) for deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Roll call vote, Bill Becker, Jim Rossol, Mark Franke, Mike LeClair, all yes. Carried. Clerk and Deputy Clerk were also present.

Motion made/second Bill/Mark to enter back into open session and continue with agenda. Carried.

Committee will gather more information regarding what was discussed from Closed Session.

Motion made/second Bill/Jim to adjourn. Carried.

These minutes are subject to correction at the next Parks Committee meeting.

Doug Smith
Deputy Clerk