

Joint Town Board/Parks Committee June 3, 2009

James Parent called the joint Town Board/Parks Committee to order at 7:19PM in the meeting room at the Town Hall. Present were James Parent, Barbara Anschutz, Robert Schultz, Dale Williams, Douglas Smith, James Rossol, Michael LeClair, Jolynn Reinhardt and Patrick Keehan. Peter Jacobs and Kay Hanna were absent.

Clerk verified posting. Item #3 should actually be “Nor-Door Youth” football. Motion made/second Barb/Bob to accept the agenda. Carried.

Discuss/decide Nor-Door Youth football team holding their Homecoming bonfire at the Rec. Park – The fire would be in the middle of the quarry washed parking lot, between the two ball fields, on October 8, 2009, which is a Thursday. The pile will be built on Wednesday, burned on Thursday night and cleaned up on Friday. A fire truck will be present. Motion made/second Bob/Dale to allow Nor-Door Youth football to hold their homecoming bonfire at the Rec. Park on Oct. 8. Carried.

Discussion/possible decision on future landscaping options at Anclam Park – Since the jetty is a manmade structure, there is somewhat of a disputed high-water mark on the south. The mark was decided upon before Carrie Webb came in and she doesn’t agree with it. Since the jetty could have a navigable purpose for windsurfers, kayaks, etc., it makes it a little easier to push things through. If John presents a direction to Carrie, she will take it to powers that be. According to Randy Nesbitt, all we need to say is we need access to the water for hand launched vessels. We need to come up with what we want to try to do and they’re going to make their decision based on that. If the DNR would come back and say we can’t do anything, there may even be legal grounds that we could use against them. John would like to go for a 10 foot walkway and put a pavilion at the end. One permit would take care of everything from invasive species, to the walkway, to the riprap, etc. John brought in his simple conceptual drawing, a copy of which is available in the Clerk’s office. One of his ideas was to concentrate on a nice beach area to control pedestrian traffic and try to keep them on Town property. There also are other entities out there that may want to fund things like this.

Tonight, John is mainly looking for direction and if his conceptual drawings are on track and should be submitted for approval. There may be a few sticking points with the walk and drives, etc., but it didn’t seem like that big of a deal to Randy Nesbitt. John thinks it is feasible to do the things presented. The plan wouldn’t really block a view, but it would enhance it. There would be some larger areas for public viewing. If we push it as a hand-launch marina, we could probably ask for a few more things. Jim R. mentioned they were talking about tying some history into the jetty, like having plaques along the way giving a little story about the past. John said that could be done.

Jim P. mentioned we’ll also have to talk with the people who light the fireworks off on the 4th of July. They may need to have some kind of permanent structure for it. There are probably about a dozen tubes that are out there.

For some of the vegetation, we want low maintenance so some native shrubbery and dune grasses would be best. To keep people on a path, the path could be maybe 5 feet above grade and try to keep them on the lawn area.

Jim P. asked if the parking lot is going to be wide enough for cars to be able to get in and out. If someone drives down the hill and finds the parking lot full, will they have to try to back up the driveway? It shouldn't be a problem. There will be some space on both ends that won't be parking spots. The parking stalls themselves are about 10 feet wide.

One main point that has to be emphasized is the access points for maintenance. We have to be able to get trucks and equipment into certain areas. John will make sure of that. Barb mentioned the playground equipment could be moved off the highway and down on the green area. That way parents could keep a closer eye on their children. Barb also asked about lighting. John said for safety it would probably be a requirement.

Jim P. asked about implementing the process in phases. John explained it would be a good idea to start working on the end of the jetty. That way we could get people excited about the project and you never know where some money might come from. As for the concrete work, there could be some color work done or different design options to blend in the wear and tear if we only do certain portions at a time.

John asked about dollar amounts. Jim P. explained that if we're talking a half million, we'd have to look at it as the big project for right now, that both the Board and the Town itself would have to look at. There would be special Town meetings or public hearings.

John took the comments and suggestions from the conversations and penciled them in on the plan. The next step is to try to get approvals from the DNR. There can be small changes even after the plans are approved. They're worried about the main structure. If we get the approval, it will be time to start hammering out costs and going to the Townspeople.

One thing that will be done is to put conduit in across the parking lot so we don't have to tear it up after the new asphalt is down.

Motion made/second Jim P./Jolynn to approve the Lakeshores Landscape's design option #2, the money for which to come out of Anclam Park and/or Room Tax. Carried.

Motion made/second Bob/Barb to adjourn at 8:23PM. Carried.

These minutes are subject to correction at the next regular monthly Town Board meeting and regular monthly Parks Committee meeting.

Douglas Smith
Town Clerk