

Parks Committee Meeting May 17, 2010

James Rossol called the regular monthly Parks Committee meeting to order at 6:00PM in the meeting room at the Town Hall. Present were James Rossol, Michael Meulemans, Sean Moroney, Barbara Anschutz and Douglas Smith. Michael LeClair and Patrick Keehan were absent.

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

Accept minutes – Motion made/second Mike/Sean to accept the regular Parks Committee meeting minutes. Carried. Motion made/second Mike/Jim to accept the joint Town Board-Parks Committee meeting minutes. Carried.

Citizen input – Lucy Klug would like to request the Parks Committee to reconsider the paved area on the jetty, in regards to the landscaping plan prepared by Lakeshores Landscape. She stated there are some alternatives, such as crushed recycled glass. There is also a crushed stone available. Jim will give the information to John Meredith at Lakeshores. At the joint meeting, this was also discussed and were going to be getting some alternatives and prices put together.

Ray Spangler stated the perforated pipe that's being installed on the jetty, the Committee should plan for jetty collapsing. Jim explained the storm sewer project wasn't in the scope of the Committee. The landscape design has been presented to the DNR, who is a pretty strict group. Ray is concerned that there won't be any test planting. He's concerned that in a worst case scenario, by taking out the native plants and planting new ones, they might die and not sustain the jetty, causing erosion and ruining the beach. He feels the plants should be tested to see if they can exist. Barb stated that after the DNR approves the plan, there is going to be a special Town meeting and recommended that Mr. Spangler come to that meeting and express his concerns to the architect. Jim explained that the Committee has different backgrounds and that's why they hired the landscape architect.

Lucy Klug asked if the plan can absorb a rise in lake level and, if so, how many feet. Jim explained the DNR had to approve everything in relation to the high water mark.

Karl Klug asked what the rationale is for converting a natural environment into what appears to be a very sophisticated park that would be appropriate for a city. He feels that it's unnatural.

Jean Ehmke is concerned about the playground being surrounded by junipers and being close to the parking lot.

Ray Spangler asked if they are still going to shoot the fireworks off of the jetty and if they will still be able to back the trucks out there for safety. Jim explained that, yes, that was factored into the plan.

Nancy Miller asked about E. Coli being found at Anclam. Jim explained that the Door County Soil & Water Dept. test it all the time. It wasn't closed at all last summer, but the year before it was closed a couple of times. The plan will help filter some of that out.

Carol Williams asked if the crushed recycled glass would be safe for dogs. Lucy Klug said she would call the company that makes it and get some more information.

Accept Treasurer Report – Barb made a budget vs. actual report that will be helpful as we go along with other purchases. There was payment made to Baylake Electric for \$604 for lighting for the trophy case that was not budgeted for that will have to come out of miscellaneous expense. We should still be in good shape. We had also talked about pulling invoices last month. Nothing major came in that had to be paid. Jim asked if the new playground equipment had been ordered. Barb is trying to find out if the tic-tac-toe item needs to be on bark. There are no Wisconsin state statutes relating to that. It would be nice if we could that in by the 4th of July. Barb will call the companies in the near future. Motion made/second Jim/Mike to accept the Treasurer's report. Carried.

William Marks – Consideration of request to establish a Town tennis court – William was not in attendance.

Jo Davis – Consideration of request to establish Bocce Ball court, Shuffleboard court and horseshoes at School Park – Jo was not in attendance.

Update on lighting at Anclam Park – The down lighting was installed today and the step lighting will be installed soon.

Discuss/decide landscaping for upper portion of Anclam Park – Barb contacted Green Side Up and Bridenhagen's. Most of the flowers froze out over the winter. She told both of them that she wants very low maintenance with some shrubbery. Green Side Up came up with 15 different perennials for a total of \$475. Bridenhagen came up with a more detailed plan and he has 62 new perennials. Mike feels there is color that will happen all through the season with Bridenhagen's plan. The plan includes some additional rocks being brought in. Mike asked if there was a guarantee from Green Side Up. Barb explained that they didn't specify, but Bridenhagen offers a 1 year guarantee. Bridenhagen plan came in at \$1,371. We had budgeted \$300, but the rest could be transferred from possibly the cemetery or the Room Tax money. Barb also requested the companies to come up with a dollar amount for yearly maintenance in the fall, so we can include it in our budget. The barberry bushes on Bridenhagen's plan would be in front of the lift station and they should help hide it somewhat. Gordon Rowley asked about evergreens in front of the lift station instead, so it would be hidden in winter as well. Barb explained that we can't have anything deep-rooted right there. Jim has been trying to come up with ways to hide it as well. Motion made/second Mike/Sean to recommend the Bridenhagen landscape plan to the Town Board. Carried.

Discuss/decide Baileys Harbor Community Association and Door County Visitor Bureau slide-ins for Anclam Park sign – Jim tried to take out the Brown Trout Tournament insert.

One side was very tight, but the other one more so and disintegrated as he got it out. The only way to get the one out was with a pliers. He slid in the 4th of July sign on the south side, but it was difficult. The other side didn't go in at all. As for the May festival, the slide-ins had the "lighthouse" verbiage on them, so Jim cut that off. Sean asked what kind of material they were made out of. Jim explained that they are black plastic, coated with white, so any time you put a tool on it, the white scratches off. Barb stated those signs were paid for by the Community Association. Jim will talk to Beacon Athletics about the problems. One other thing was that the Door County Visitor Bureau was supposed to have a sign there. Jim will follow up on that as well.

Determine issues with culvert at Lakeview Park and discuss possible repair or replacement – Jim received some input regarding the culvert, located at the green space area on the south end of Town. The stone where the culvert comes out at needs to be replaced, as it's mostly eroded. Since we don't budget for that park specifically, Jim just wanted it passed on to the Town Board.

Update on Rec. Park, if any – Netting is installed.

Recommendations for next month's agenda – We'll try to have Williams Marks and Jo Davis on again. We'll also talk about items #10 and #12 again.

Motion made/second Jim/Mike to adjourn at 6:49PM. Carried.

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

Douglas Smith
Town Clerk