

Parks Committee Meeting September 22, 2011

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, Michael LeClair, Sean Moroney, Douglas Smith, Steve Leonard, George Cobb and 6 visitors.

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

Accept minutes – Motion made/second Mike M./Mike L. to accept the minutes. Carried.

Review financial/Treasurer report – Motion made/second Jim/Mike M. to accept the report. Carried.

Citizen input – Jim Musiel gave comments about building a pickle ball court that could also be used as a tennis court. Estimated cost is around \$65,000. We will talk about this at the next meeting.

George Cobb & Steve Leonard - Discuss and work on “Bird City” program Application – George, Steve and the Committee reviewed the application process and selected the basic requirements that will be used. For the creation and protection of habitat, we will demonstrate that we’re in compliance with Wisconsin’s Smart Growth laws, demonstrate that existing bird habitat has legal protection and show that the community contains a segment of the Great Wisconsin Birding and Nature Trail or an Important Bird Area. As for participation in programs promoting effective community forest management, we will create a narrative outlining the tree planting performed by the Community Association, as well as our plans for the Anclam Park improvements. We will begin publicize the American Bird Conservancy “Cats Indoors!” program to show that we’re trying to limit or remove hazards to birds. The public education category can be achieved by showing that we have bird monitoring programs, which are performed by the Ridges Sanctuary. We will also need to pass a resolution and hold a celebration marking International Migratory Bird Day. This will be passed at the next Town Board meeting and we will link it with the Ridges’ Festival of Nature. Jim will work with George on getting the narratives written. Doug will print out a copy of the Smart Growth Plan. Everything needs to get done by November 1.

Review and schedule remaining budget year projects – The fence along the water view by Yum-Yum Tree still hasn’t been completed. As soon as Bob Schultz gets some rocks for the Rec. Park the fence there will be coming down and placed at the water view. The drainage area on the north side of Kendall Park still needs to be filled in.

Discuss/decide scheduling of meetings – We will leave them at the third Monday of the month.

Set date to tour Town parks – September 28th at 5:00PM.

Set date for budget meeting – We'll handle it at the next regular monthly meeting.

Recommendations for the next meeting's agenda – We will talk about the pickle ball court and work on the budgets. Motion made/second Jim/Mike L. to adjourn at 7:18PM. Carried.

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

Douglas Smith
Town Clerk/Administrator