

## Parks Committee Meeting April 16, 2012

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, Patrick Keehan, Michael LeClair, Barbara Anschutz, Douglas Smith 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 report – Barb created a general spreadsheet of the past three months, through March 31. Most expenditures weren't made until April. The grills and the climber were ordered. Both came in under budget. For the grills in School Park, they will be placed in the northwest corner behind the big tree and a little left of it. Motion made/second Mike M./Pat to accept the financial report. Carried.

Citizen input – None.

Todd Haleen – Future business activities – He will be doing clear-bottom kayak tours as well as scuba diving tours. For the kayak tours he has two guides who are very experienced, one will be in front, one in back. There would be groups of up to 12 kayaks with up to 24 people. He is now renting the old Associated Bank building, so equipment will be housed there. Tours would meet there and then go to the launching sites, one of which is Anclam Park. It's possible that in the future he may buy a van so everyone can carpool to the sites. He will also be renting out jet-skis, a 20 foot boat and various other marine activity equipment. He will be fully insured and try to take every step to educate his customers on safety. Concerns were raised about having a commercial enterprise utilizing a Town park. We have a letter from the Town's attorney advising us that we should let him use it, as we really can't limit it. Also, to enter into any sort of formal agreement would take away our municipal liability immunity. Concerns were also raised in regards to parking at Anclam Park. Since the Anclam lot and parking on the street are all public, we really can't limit it, but Todd will park on the street whenever possible. For increased public safety, the Town will look into roping off a specific swimming only area. After the Anclam renovations are done, the Parks Committee will have to take a look at rules and regulations for launching/swimming areas. The Parks Committee is recommending that Todd be allowed to go ahead with his plans.

Discuss/decide future design of vita-course – We had put some money in the budget for the design of this, which would be located in the 10 acre area recently purchased adjacent to the Rec. Park. We had contacted three people to be at the meeting, but two were too busy. Jim suggested the committee do some research and think about whether a true vita-course, which might be pretty expensive, is what we want, or if we just want a walking trail. Sean suggested doing it in phases; starting with a walking trail and adding

equipment as we can. We'll get an aerial view of the property and we'll meet there to discuss this next month. We'll also invite Karen Newborn and Bob Bultman.

Update on Anclam Park – The beach nourishment portion is slated to be bid out by the end of this month, with construction beginning in May. For the other portion of the plan, we should have the notice to proceed from the DOT within 45 days. After the bid documents are prepped, they will review them. The project could still be bid out this year with construction to begin next spring.

Bird City update – The flags will be put up on the Baileys Harbor signs on each side of Town. The signs will be placed on County E, County F/EE, Ridges Road and County Q. The Bird City logo is on the Town's website. Migratory Bird Day is May 19<sup>th</sup>. Jim had asked George Cobb to be the Bird City Coordinator and work with the Ridges and the Community Association. He will continue to help us out, but he is looking to find someone else to coordinate things. George presented the program to the Community Association last week. On May 5<sup>th</sup>, there will be an open house at the Ridges to introduce the program to the public. George asked the BHCA to help publicize the Bird City events and dates on their website and Facebook page. He also asked them to send an email blast out to other businesses explaining the program and how it can benefit them. A map could also be put together highlighting bird viewing areas that could be handed out at the info center. Also, Jim suggested some ads be paid for by the BHCA. Paul Salm, president of the BHCA suggested actually going to the businesses to introduce the program. George created a Facebook page called Bailey's Birders. Barb will be in attendance for the ceremony recognizing us as a Bird City. Jim will also work on some of the PR.

Finalize meeting schedule for the year/recommendations for next agenda – We can decide at each meeting the next time we'll be meeting. If there are things we are working on, we can meet when needed. We should meet in May at the Rec. Park to talk about the vita-course. Doug will contact Bob Bultman and Karen Newborn to see if they'd like to join us and will contact the Committee to set a date.

Motion made/second Mike M./Sean to adjourn at 7:15PM. Carried.

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

Douglas Smith  
Town Clerk/Administrator