

Parks Committee Meeting February 15, 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, Jolynn Reinhardt, Patrick Keehan, Michael LeClair, Barbara Anschutz, Douglas Smith and Ryan Weisgerber.

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

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

Discuss/decide the possibility of moving playground equipment from Kendall Park to the Rec. Park playground and replacing with new items at Kendall Park – Jim brought in a playground catalog of some really high end stuff. Pat also brought in some materials. All equipment has a “safety zone” and the catalogs tell what it is for each piece. There is nothing at Kendall for really small kids, aside from the baby swings. Barb thinks there should be something for smaller children. There was nothing budgeted specifically for Kendall Park for playground equipment, but \$2,000 was put in the Rec. Park which could be transferred, if it’s decided to transfer equipment between playgrounds. Since the Rec. Park budget has a budgeted reserve for contingencies, we could add another \$2,000 for playground equipment, since it is so expensive. One other thing that has to be kept in mind is all equipment has “safety zones.” Jolynn found a handicap-accessible swing that could be installed in place of one of the current ones. Cost for it would be between \$375 and \$425. Pat will do a little more research on pricing for the younger age group and also measure different areas. We could maybe meet outside next meeting, weather providing, to get a better visual. Everyone is in agreement on the handicap-accessible swing.

Report on items that have been ordered for 2010 for all Town parks – Clerk is waiting to get the 2010 catalog from Beacon and went through the list of items that Barb will order once the catalog arrives. Mike made the order for all the fertilizer. Pat contacted the locksmith, who will be getting a hold of Mark Franke.

Discuss/decide budgeted items to order for 2010 for all Town parks - Jim found something that will work to cover the well head at Anclam Park. It’s on sale for \$124.90. Barb will look into signs for the two water view parks. As for the light by the bathrooms at Anclam, Mike will work with Barb on it, along with the 12-volt lighting going up along the stairs. Mike stated instead of buying a shed for the little league building, there could maybe just be a lean-to added on to the east side of the building. It would probably be around \$1,000. \$500 was budgeted for the regular shed. Mike will check into zoning/building permits. Since some of the items are coming in under budget amounts, the extra \$500 can probably come from that savings. The only other thing is the cedar fence at water view park, but that can be ordered and picked up the same week.

Discuss/decide replacement of picnic tables for all Town parks – Mark Franke took a look at the picnic tables at Anclam and some of them are starting to rot. The ones at Kendall are ok for this year. One at Anclam is completely shot from a tree falling on it

during a storm. Barb did some research and found a 6' galvanized aluminum frame is \$208. Barb suggested replaced a table or two per year. We just need the one for Anclam for this year. Jim asked if they're painted. Ryan explained that they tried staining them, but it didn't hold up very well, so they're using paint now. Jim stated the aluminum is very cold to sit on for any length of time. Also, some of the tables have names carved in. Instead of paying for treated pine, we could just purchase the frame and build the rest, since it will be painted anyway. We could probably find the money for one frame at Anclam Park. Barb will order it and then the maintenance staff can use whatever boards work. Going forward, Jim feels we'll have to take a good look at the picnic tables when we visit parks at budget time, and perhaps have something for them in the budget every year.

Discuss vacant positions on Parks Committee – Mike Honold's name came up at the last meeting, but he's no longer in the area. Barb said if she doesn't win the election, she'll put her name in. Some other names brought up: Adam Nelson, Brett Anschutz, Brandon Honold, Kasey Oldenburg, and Sean Moroney or his wife. Ryan Weisgerber said to put his name down with a question mark. He will also talk to Adam about it.

Recommendations for next month's agenda – March 15 will not work for the meeting. March 22 would work, but there may be a Sewer Committee meeting that night. Barb volunteered to take minutes so Doug could be at the Sewer Committee meeting. Meeting is set for March 22 at 6PM.

Citizen input – Ryan Weisgerber stated the picture in the plaque for Kendall is really faded and isn't sure whose responsibility it is to replace, so would just like to find that out. He also recommended getting the UV protective coating so it won't fade as quickly. The Community Association had some money set aside for that last year. Jim thinks the money is still there and will bring it up with the Association.

Motion made/second Jolynn/Jim to adjourn at 6:59PM. Carried.

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

Douglas Smith
Town Clerk