

Parks Committee Meeting March 29, 2010

James Rossol called the regular monthly Parks Committee meeting to order at 6:00PM in Kendall Park. Present were James Rossol, Michael LeClair, Patrick Keehan, Barbara Anschutz, Douglas Smith and 2 visitors (2 more visitors arrived when the meeting moved to the meeting room in the Town Hall). Jolynn Reinhardt was absent.

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

Discuss/decide the possibility of transferring playground equipment from Kendall Park to the Rec. Park and replacing it with new equipment at Kendall Park – The Committee was thinking something for children 4 and under would be nice. The “log roller” was donated. It is still missing a bolt. Clerk will notify the maintenance staff. The slide has a crack in it in the bottom portion. Jim suggested cutting off the top portion and sanding down the edges. A tic-tac-toe game was suggested and could possibly replace the kangaroo rocker. Committee looked through some of the various playground equipment catalogs. \$2,500 was budgeted for playground equipment. The tic-tac-toe game in one of the books was \$1,036. Barb asked if we needed to check with our insurance if changes are made. Clerk checked the next day and everything is just covered under the blanket of our liability insurance. There is no need to report any changes. Everyone liked the idea of the tic-tac-toe game. Jim suggested dividing up the books and each person pick 2 or 3 items that they really like and make a decision at the next meeting. One piece will be picked for Kendall Park and the Committee will meet at the Rec. Park next month to get a better idea of what might be needed there. The kangaroo rocker will go to the Rec. Park.

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

Accept Treasurer Report – Jim asked if the Committee could receive the detail report monthly. Clerk will talk to the Treasurer about it. Motion made/second Jim/Pat to accept the report. Carried.

Citizen input – Ray Spangler mentioned he has some comments on Anclam Park. They can be brought up during the Anclam Park project update.

Discuss/decide placing a storage shed off of the Little League building at the Rec. Park – Instead of purchasing a plastic-type storage shed, it would be nicer to add-on to the existing structure. \$500 was originally budgeted for the storage shed. \$1,000 should cover the add-on. There are quite a few materials left over from the press box that can be used. Motion made/second Mike/Jim to make a recommendation to the Town Board to build a 6x12 storage addition on the existing Little League building. Carried.

Update on progress of Anclam Park project – The DNR responded to the original package that John Meredith presented with 11 questions. On Feb. 24th, Jim Parent and Jim Rossol attended a meeting Carrie Webb of the DNR, Rick Brauer of Door County Planning, and a rep. from Door County Soil & Water. John went over the questions one by one. They had a problem with dimension stone. They want it only used at access

points. They also wanted to limit those areas to 10 feet wide. They were also very sensitive to adding riprap. As for the walkway going down the jetty, they were questioning the 10 foot width and the material, as to whether or not it was permeable enough. John explained that what we're using is permeable. They were concerned about geese in the grassy areas. They liked the idea that sand would be brought in, but wanted to make sure that the grain size was the exact size that Miller specified in their plan. There is no way there is going to be a gazebo. There should be a joint meeting with the Parks Committee and the Town Board to see what everyone thinks.

Ray Spangler voiced his concern about the pipe that's going to be installed in the jetty. He feels it's going to cause the jetty to collapse because of the constant flow of water through the center. He also explained how sand is deposited and feels this will also disturb sand getting deposited on the beach. As for the landscaping plan, he feels that the vegetation that is being placed on the jetty won't survive and recommended possibly testing some of the species out there.

Jim explained that we don't have an engineer on the committee and they had absolutely nothing to do with the storm sewer project. Regarding the landscape, the committee also doesn't have a degree in architectural design. Jim suggested that when John Meredith is scheduled to be here, Ray could talk directly to him. Another of Ray's concerns is that the DNR will require maintenance of the vegetation, so we could spend more money replacing plants. Jim explained that we'll make sure to talk to John about species selection, but we're not quite there yet. Before any money is spent, we're going to be actively looking for input. It is meant to be a longer term project, over the course of 2 or 3 years or even longer. There will be discussions as far as species of plants. There are also elements that don't necessarily include plants, but will still make it more enjoyable for everyone. As the project progresses, there will be a lot of opportunity for discussion and input.

Set date for joint meeting with the Town Board – We could have it on the night of April 19th. Clerk will check with the Town Board.

Review purchased budget items for 2010 – Fake rock as been ordered for the well pipe at Anclam Park. There has been some question as to how it looks, so Jim is going to take a look at it this week. All items from Beacon have been ordered for the ball field. The handicap accessible swing was talked about last month, but not ordered yet. Pat will look a little more into it. The Water View replacement sign was budgeted at \$100, but came in at \$235. We should be able to save on other things to make up the difference. The light for the Anclam Park bathroom building was ordered. The picnic table frame came in. The 12-volt lighting for Anclam is still being worked on.

Update on Rec. Park, if any – Plumbing was turned on today. When the foul ball netting was placed, one of the posts hit a water pipe. The heat in the bathrooms will be on low for right now. The maintenance staff will try to fix it. Recycling returns to the Rec. Park on April 10th.

Discuss vacant positions on Parks Committee – Quite a few names from last month. Mike Meulemans called Jim and mentioned he wouldn't mind being on the Committee. Pat will talk to Brett Anschutz. Barb will call Sean Moroney. Jim will talk to Adam Nelson and Ryan Weisgerber. Committee will recommend their picks to the Town Board at the next meeting.

Recommendations for next month's agenda – We'll meet at the Rec. Park at 5:30PM to assess the playground area and have the joint meeting at 7:00PM. For the regular meeting at 5:30, the committee will solidify their recommendations for new members to the Town Board. There will also be an update on the purchase of lighting.

Motion made/second Jim/Pat to adjourn at 7:17PM. Carried.

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

Douglas Smith
Town Clerk