

Parks Committee Meeting September 20, 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, Patrick Keehan, Michael LeClair, Barbara Anschutz, Douglas Smith and 6 visitors. Sean Moroney was absent.

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

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

Citizen input – None.

Discussion on format of Treasurer's report/accept Treasurer's report – Barb created a report that details what has been purchased, which she will continue doing. This will help at year end to determine if anything else needs to be done. The committee reviewed both reports. One thing that Barb will be suggesting to the Town Board is to create a "Kendall Park" account and eliminate the "Pavilion" and "Playground" accounts. Motion made/second Mike M./Jim to accept the report. Carried.

Discussion on completion of previously budgeted items for all Town parks – Beginning with Kendall Park, we will be looking at purchasing cow mats for underneath the merry-go-round, rather than the more expensive playground mats. Barb will either order them or pick them up. That's the only item remaining at Kendall. For the water view by the Yum-Yum Tree, the cedar fence has not been installed. Since the maintenance employees have a lot of work to do at the Rec. Park, we could get the equipment purchased this year and it could be installed next year. Anclam Park is done.

Review results of joint Town Board/Parks Committee meeting held on September 15, 2010 – The input was good and some major issues were discussed. Trees were a big item in relation to height/number and blocking views. The material the path on the jetty was made out of was an issue. It was suggested that we have a beach shower or foot shower. Barb is going to suggest a foot shower for the 2011 budget. A full shower would require hookup to sanitary. The location of the playground equipment was a topic, as well as having some sort of staging area for silent sports enthusiasts. A changing room was mentioned, as well as that the plan is "too urban." Another comment was that the plantings could be scaled back. Jim feels that, from the meeting, it seems that people are in favor of doing something at the park. It's just a matter of what. Jim suggested that the plantings be divided into nourishment and ornamental. Also, mature height/size should be specified for plant species. As for money from the County, we have to show interest by October 29 and they would have to approve the final plan. The money would only go towards the beach nourishment portion of the project. Questions arose regarding the Miller Plan. Jim gave a history and the reasons as to why it wasn't accepted and also went over some of the beach nourishment aspects of Lakeshores' plan. Concerns were brought up in regard to the amount and size of trees on the jetty. The playground equipment was discussed, in terms of potentially downscaling and location. Regarding

the surface material of the pathway, Jim is confident we can come up with something more aesthetically pleasing. A kayak rack where someone could lease a spot was also brought up. Rules and regulations will also have to be talked about. Unobtrusive lighting was mentioned. Historical signage would be nice along the jetty. The DNR determines specifications for any dimensional stone. The Parks Committee will meet again with the Town Board to begin the process of revising the plan.

Set date for joint meeting with Town Board – October 6 at 6PM.

Set date to visit all Town parks to determine budget items for 2011 – October 13 at 5PM, beginning at the Rec. Park.

Update on Rec. Park – Covered in the review of budget items.

Payment of bills – Going forward, Clerk will be presenting any out of the ordinary bills. Motion made/second Jim/Mike L. to pay the presented bills. Carried.

Committee input/recommendations for next month's agenda – We will work on next year's budget.

Motion made/second Mike L./Mike M. to adjourn at 7:42PM. Carried.

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

Douglas Smith
Town Clerk