

Parks Committee October 19, 2009

James Rossol called the regular monthly Parks Committee meeting to order at 6:33PM in the meeting room at the Town Hall. Present were James Rossol, Jolynn Reinhardt, Patrick Keehan, Douglas Smith and 1 visitor. Michael LeClair arrived during citizen input.

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

Accept minutes – Typos towards the end of the September minutes. Clerk will make corrections. Motion made/second Jolynn/Jim to accept the minutes with the changes. Carried. Jolynn corrected spelling of Robert Cuellar's last name. Motion made/second Jim/Jolynn to accept the minutes with the correction. Carried.

Citizen input – Jean Ehmke stated she is concerned about the landscaping project at Anclam Park. She looked at the plan today. He is planning on putting arborvitaes and she feels they will block views, along with the hazelnut trees. The bearberries are low shrubs that like acid soil, which we don't have a lot of in Door County. They are also susceptible to fungal diseases along with the hazelnut trees. The number of plants he wants to put out there seems like a lot overkill. It'll look like a very stunning park, but not a beach. She also feels they will have complaints about views being blocked. She is also wondering how much soil will be required to be brought out there. She realizes he's trying to sell a big project, but she feels the committee should pick and choose what should be there. She suggested talking to some of the landscapers and gardeners in Baileys Harbor. There could also be a lot more maintenance involved. Jim stated John Meredith has a degree in landscape architecture. Jean stated that they don't always have classes on plant identification/growth. She's not putting John down; it's a beautiful plan, if you like the manicured look. Jim explained the background of how Lakeshores Landscape was picked. He also explained the plan will not happen overnight and suggested that Jean check the meeting agendas for meetings when John Meredith would be attending so that she could provide her feedback on plant species selection directly to him.

Clerk explained there will most likely be a public hearing as we get further down the lines on the process. Jolynn stated this will be a 2 to 3 to 5 year plan, so to have people give their opinions to start off with is great, but people should keep coming to meetings as it progresses.

Accept Treasurer report – Jim would like to see the detail report listing all the expenditures every month broken out just for the parks as was recently provided. Clerk will tell the Treasurer. Beacon bill was markers for football field. Playground account still has a lot of money left. Clerk will look into it. Motion made/second Jim/Mike to accept the report. Carried.

Review outstanding budget items for all Town parks and possible adjust or implement items – Anclam didn't have much done since there was so much up in the air. The fake

rock to hide the wellhead could be ordered. Jim will do the research. Didn't do parking lot light because of the parking lot being redone. Edging around the playground was not done because of the possibility of the playground moving. The 12-volt lighting could still be done going up the stairs. Mike will handle that.

The Dyna-cushion play mats for Kendall Park could be ordered even though they won't be installed until next spring. A sign for Kendall Park could be ordered too. Jim mentioned since we have the sign for Anclam Park, we should maybe find a spot to install it. We could meet there next month.

Rec. Park – Everything has been taken care of except for the tarps and the replacement of the playground equipment. Lumber for enclosing the bottom of the press box arrived today. Tarps and bases can wait until next year. The regular maintenance account is over budget.

The list of action items are as follows: Buy the fake rock, purchase the 12 volt lighting, purchase the 10 Dyna-cushion playmates and purchase the Kendall Park sign. Next month we should also meet at Anclam to determine where the sign should go.

Review possible budget items for 2010 for all Town parks and make recommendation to Town Board – No specific requests for Kendall Park.

Rec. Park – There is definitely an issue with the broken Plexiglas on a piece of playground equipment. It should be taken out until the equipment is replaced. The following items were discussed and budgeted for:

Playground equipment -	\$2,000
New bases -	\$200
Tarps -	\$865
Protective netting (1 st & 3 rd base)	\$1239
Storage shed -	\$500
Speed signage for entrance -	Pat will talk to Bob Schultz
Rekeying all locks -	\$200
Bat racks for Little League -	\$200
Shop Vac -	\$150
Pitching mat -	\$300
Hitting mat -	\$400
Reshingling Little League roof -	\$800
Misc. -	\$1146
Total budget request -	\$8000

Water Views by Yum-Yum Tree and Sandpiper – These would be suggestions for the general maintenance budget, since there is no specific account for the park. \$1200 would probably cover the following items at the Yum-Yum Tree Water View:

New sign

Survey (if necessary)

Fencing

Clean up trees

Take care of steps and add railings

Also, the neighbor to the north of the property should be asked if we could clean up the dead shrubbage/trees. The fencing depends on what the survey shows.

Recommendations for the Water View by Sandpiper are 3 labeled garbage cans, a new sign, a doggie bag stand and to move the benches to the northeast.

Anclam Park – The light over the Community Association board could be replaced with a down pointing light. That would be about \$200. The trash containers should be labeled. There is also a sewer beautification issue. There was an idea of a lightweight removable cover to place on the lift station. Another idea was to have a low fence with a gate. Or shrubs could be used. The Sewer Committee has stated that they don't want to see anything cover it. This will just be a recommendation to the Town Board. Clerk will also call Pepsi to see if the vending machine can be dimmed. The only set in stone recommendation is \$200 for a down light, and the rest will be up to the Town Board.

Jumped ahead to item #8 - Discuss next step for Anclam Park landscape project – Permitting process was approved by the Town Board. John stopped by Clerk's office with the info and Clerk will send off permit package as soon as possible.

Went back to item #6 – Jolynn volunteered to type up a list of budget items discussed. Jim asked her to read back her list of items to insure accuracy. She read through the list of what she had. Motion made/second Jim/Jolynn to recommend to the Town Board the budget items that were summarized.

Recommendations for next month's agenda – We will switch the time to 6:00PM.

Motion made/second Jim/Jolynn to adjourn at 8:06PM. Carried.

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

Douglas Smith

Town Clerk