

Park Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Greenville Town Hall

7:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE: Greg Roblee, Barb Schroeder, Ryan Paschke, Tim James, and John Conrad, Excused: Lou Judge, Absent: Jim Beard. Also present: Tony Nowak (Town Parks & Forestry), Jack Anderson (Town Chairman), John Julius, and Tom Becher.

Call to Order: at 7:00 pm by Greg Roblee.

Minutes: Correction to March 28th meeting minutes: Vote for Recommendation of lights at Jennerjohn sledding hill/ice rink was Yes-5, No-1, Passed.
Minutes approved with correction.

Treasure Report: Not available.

Old Business

Special Event Application for Bark in the Park: Application received and reviewed by Tony. Event will be May 20th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. It will be held in the area of the area east of the barn with Lioness handling food sales in the barn. The event will include a dog walk and a DJ for entertainment. A Veterinarian will be present as well as First Responders. Estimated attendance is 400 people. Tony recommended approval. **Motion to: 'Approve acceptance of the Bark in the Park event application' made by Ryan, 2nd by Tim. Vote: Yes-4, No-0, Passed (John was not present at this time.)**

Lions Park Quadrant 2: Greg reported that the concept drawing that was presented to the Park Board was presented by the Lions to the Town Board. There were no questions at this time.

Hoffman Property: Discussion was held with the Town attorney regarding land owners encroachment into this newly added park property. His recommendation is to not redraw property lines due to the cost involved. One option would be to have a legal document in which the Town would say the encroachment is ok, but that the Town would not be liable for damage of their property in the park boundaries. Discussion regarding if present land owner sells the property is that type of agreement passed on or at the time of sale would the new land owner be aware of the true lot line. Discussion that meeting should be set up with area land owners to discuss options. Dave was informed by Mr. Hoffman that Paul Schroth is the farmer that is presently farming this land. Dave will be talking him to let him know the land no belongs to the Town of Greenville. T was also noted that the rent of \$500.00 this land for 2017 was paid to the Hoffman's and that they will be forwarding this amount to the Town.

New Business

Summer Rec Program: The request for this program was started by a resident as an online petition. Tony meet with Brenda and Kerry from the YMCA regarding the Town and the YMCA working together for this type of program. Tony presented a proposal and proposed budget that was submitted by the YMCA. This summer program is not child care. It is child (age 6-13 years old) drop off program, closed for the lunch hour, and a parent/guardian must be available to pick up the child if needed. The program would be held at the Jennerjohn pavilion and would be closed for heavy rain &/or storms.

Discussion regarding proposed budget/cost of the program. The fees collected would not fully cover the proposed cost. It was noted by Tony that most recreation programs are subsidized by funding other than collected fees.

Questions regarding proposal revenue numbers (\$100.00 each child x 25 children) that were presented. Can the program handle more than 25 children? Jennerjohn pavilion capacity is 106. At what number is an addition leader needed as that would increase the wage/benefit cost. Tony will work with the YMCA regarding recommendation that the program would need the minimum of 25 children and the max being set by the YMCA with the 2 Leaders as proposed. **Motion made by Ryan for: 'Tony to work with the YMCA regarding questions/limits, and that the Park Board supports the proposal with the Town and the YMCA equally subsidizing the net loss (not to exceed \$2,711.00 as a Town cost)', 2nd by John. Vote: Yes-5, No-0, Passed.**

Sports Complex Committee: Tony reported that approx. 600 survey responses have been received via Facebook and after the Town Newsletter was mailed out. This is a large increase over the initial survey several years ago regarding this park that had about 250 responses. A Public Meeting will be held May 2nd from 5-7 pm. This meeting will be an open – stop and look format. The next meeting of the Committee has not been set up at this time.

Archery Range: Prior to the meeting Tony had sent out a memo regarding information that Town Chairman Anderson received a report mid-March of archers on the Miller Property looking for arrows. A review of the past improvement/additions to this range and improvements that are planned for completion this year were noted. Improvement planned for this year include the construction of a covered shooting line structure and installation of security cameras. Additional material will be added to the safety berm which has decreased in height do to settling. Additional options of construction of a wooden fence or a netting atop the berm was discussed as well as limiting type of bows or hours opened needing to be supervised. Discussed posting signs in the park that say 'Private Property' will be looked into by Tony. Recommendation to: 'Accept Archery Range Improvement Plan' as presented.

Karst: Questions regarding why this area, which is designated in the GreenPrint Plan as a unique geological feature of high importance, was not protected. Jack reported that there are a lot of unanswered questions as well as a lot of citizen input. It was noted, by Jack, that Mike Woods was the only Town Board member aware of the digging project. An independent panel is being set-up to gather information.

Jack reported that the first need is for the Town to develop a restoration plan. This plan is being developed with input from the DNR and others.

Town communication is also being looked at regarding checks and balance/accountability regarding cost of projects and bills being paid.

Ideas generated during discussion involved getting together with the Lin Family (owners of the land the karst is located on) on a proposal to have UW system (grad student) to investigate the karst for the type and size and then to get the area protected. John Julius would like a proposal that the area becomes park land that is added to the Greenville Park System.

Other: Special Event: Tony brought forward information regarding needing to review the Special Event Policy. Citizens are inquiring about events such as holding a block party that would include a road closure. The present policy was written regarding events at the parks. The option of having special event applications/questions/booking being handled by a different staff employee may also be an option.

Other Business:

Batting Cages: Ryan reported that ball being hit in the cages are going into the mud. GYS is discussing having this area concreted. Tony will look at the area and give approval to the proposed plan if appropriate.

Tennis Court Fencing: It was noted that the tennis court fencing has lifted (balls roll under the fencing). It was also noted that fencing along Diamond D has also lifted. Tony will contact Security Fencing to have the post pounded down.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:25 pm

Next Meeting – Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Greenville Community Hall.

***** These minutes are not approved till the following meeting. *****