

MINUTES OF THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING – AUGUST 22, 2016

Call to Order: Chairman Bob Knueppel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Neider Park Boat Launch.

Trustees Present: Bob Knueppel, Josh Prescher, and Kathie Bock

Trustees Absent: None

Others Present: Dennis Uecker, Dennis Hundt, and Chad Buelter

Discuss / Approve Minutes from the 5/24/2016 Committee Meeting:

Josh motioned to approve presented minutes, seconded by Kathie. The motion carried.

Meet at Neider Park to Discuss Reconstruction of Boat Launch:

We asked Chad Buelter of Ox-Bo Marine to attend to get his opinion of what our best options would be to improve our failing boat launch. The launch has been a maintenance headache for the last several years. Boaters have also been complaining about breaking their props and trailers hitting bottom while launching. Use of the launch has decreased dramatically over time. Chad said the launch was too steep from its original construction so the frost has an easy opportunity to move the planks around creating pockets and upheaval. Chad suggested constructing an all concrete ramp that would start 6-8 feet sooner resulting in a longer gradual sloped launch. Putting 2” of foam under the concrete would keep the frost out. The best way to rebuild the ramp would be to coffer off an area in the water to allow access to work in the launch area. The best time to do this is when the water is lower in the Fall, or in early Spring just after the frost comes out. The water area could also be cleaned of silt at the same time. Chad is very familiar with getting the proper permits and he would sub-contract the concrete work with a company he has worked with many times on other projects. He will get us a quote and specs within 2 weeks so we can possibly discuss at the next Village Board meeting on September 6th.

We also discussed possibly doing a blacktop overlay on the approach to the launch with the north side lower so the water and salt coming off the parking lot could naturally drain to the north keeping it out of the launch. This would be a separate project from rebuilding the launch.

Chad suggested installing a sign that stated “No Power Loading” to help keep the launch from developing high and low spots in the lake bottom in front of the launch.

Meeting Moved to Firemans Park Parking Lot to Discuss Resurfacing of Pavement:

We discussed the quotes we have received to make sure we understood exactly the work that was going to be done and that all the quotes were for the same work. Bob will call some of the contractors about their quotes for clarification. We briefly discussed how we could pay for this work and who would be contributing towards payment. We will continue to work towards accomplishing the needed crack filling, sealcoating, and rebuild of area in front of the Community Hall by early next Spring. Dennis Hundt will use some left over white paint they have at the village garage to re-line the existing parking lot stalls for now.

Meeting Moved to Memorial Park to Discuss Memorial for Soldiers:

Josh has received a quote from Lee of Gehl Monument in Hartford to create a stone roughly 3' x 4' and to dig, concrete, and install it in Memorial Park for \$10,000 - \$15,000. Josh has attended a Legion meeting with the lady from Juneau who helped design and raise funds for Juneau's soldiers memorial for all the wars. He has informed the Legion that the Village is willing to work with them for a location but they need to take on this project as far as raising funds and acquiring the names for the stone memorial. They really like the idea but have not shown much interest in leading the project. We all agreed this is how it needs to proceed because the Village should not have to fund this. Bob has also been in contact with a couple Legion members and received the same amount of interest. We will continue to see if we can find someone within their organization to lead this.

With no further business, Kathie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Josh. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Bob Knueppel, Parks and Recreation Chairman