

# **MINUTES OF THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING – MAY 12, 2015**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Bob Knueppel called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at Memorial Park.

**Trustees Present:** Bob Knueppel, Josh Prescher, and Harold Yates

**Trustees Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Dennis Hundt, Roger Zubke, and Bob Kuehl

**Discuss / Approve Minutes from the 10/29/2014 Committee Meeting:**  
Harold motioned to approve presented minutes, seconded by Josh. The motion carried.

## **Tour all of the Village Parks to Evaluate Conditions for Improvement**

### **Memorial Park:**

The existing flag is tattered and torn so Bob will contact the legion about having it replaced prior to Memorial Day. Josh suggested we should have a light on the flag that flies year round. Bob will send him information about lighting requirements that he had from checking into this same subject last year.

Bob Kuehl would like to see some kind of memorial put up in the park recognizing the three soldiers from Hustisford that gave their lives during World War II. He feels that they have been long forgotten and this has bothered him a good part of his life. Last year he brought this to the attention of Randy Nehls, Legion Post Commander, but has not heard anything back so he thought he would bring this to our attention now. The committee strongly agreed with his thoughts so Bob Knueppel will contact the Legion to discuss this.

The concrete parking curb should be installed between the parking lot and grass replacing the old non-stationary car stops. We have \$8,000.00 in the budget for this so Dennis will work on getting this done.

### **Fishermans Park:**

No issues at this time.

**Riverside Park:**

Harold asked about having a second pier and would like Dennis and Roger to get a price for that. He felt there was a need due to all the boats that come in to the shore here. Josh asked about putting one in north of the bridge instead, in Fishermans Park, due to problems of boats getting under the low bridge. Bob explained some of the reasons for not having one there, since there was a temporary one put in for the 175<sup>th</sup> celebration. There is a liability concern due to kids swimming and jumping off the pier/shoreline when the shoreline was shored up with large rocks hauled in there to prevent that shoreline from further erosion. There are also boat house concrete foundations that were left in there and filled with rocks. That park was created for fishermen who always fish there, so boats and kids swimming would disturb that environment.

**Lions Park:**

The tennis court is seeing enough wear that we need to repaint the surface. We budgeted \$1,500.00 this year and need to continue for 2 more years.

Josh suggested establishing a walking path along the century fence that runs along the river for people to walk from the restroom/pavilion to the existing sidewalk along the south side of the park on East Griffith Street. Dennis and Roger will look into this more.

**Firemans Park:**

Josh brought up the appearance of the three ocean containers that the Firemen brought in to use for fire training. A resident in the area contacted him about this, stating they are ugly and reduce the value of the area properties. The Board was told they would be painted before arriving, but they were not and nothing has been done to improve their appearance. Bob will have this subject placed on the June Board meeting agenda.

The third base dugout wall that was recently replaced is developing several cracks in the mortar. We are not sure why since proper drainage was put in during construction.

We discussed the need for an addition to the concession stand on the north side, duplicating the shelter on the south side. There is a need for more shelter area and this would help with the grounds keeping in that heavily traveled area. We will wait now until something gets done with the retaining wall replacement.

The doors are in poor condition on the south and west side of the old concession building. They were repainted for the 175<sup>th</sup> celebration, but eventually will need to be replaced or those windows blocked up. The building is just used for storage now. Dennis got a quote to block up the windows last year for \$3,928.00.

The shifting of the block wall on the first base dugout storage building is not any worse.

No additional ball field lights have gone out, so no dark spots created on the field.

**Neider Park:**

The Kayak launch next to the boat landing washed out. Josh will work with LSA to repair.

Josh mentioned that he had been contacted about using this park for a Disc Golf course. He said the present course on the school grounds is limited due to non-utilization during school hours or activities. The committee thought this was a good idea due to the growing popularity of this activity. The plan proposed development of this park is presently on hold due to the slowdown of community growth development. We felt like this could be established without a lot of work or maintenance. Josh will check into this more for a proposed course and costs.

Josh suggested a possible sign reminding people to pay for their boat launch fees, since this money helps to keep the launch operational. Sometimes the honor system guilt effect can be more persuasive. The committee felt the cost of the sign would just offset any additional fees paid.

With no further business, Harold made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Josh. The motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Bob Knueppel, Parks and Recreation Chairman