

MINUTES OF THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING – MAY 13, 2014

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

Trustees Present: Bob Knueppel, Mike Grant, and Harold Yates

Trustees Absent: None

Others Present: Dennis Hundt, Roger Zubke, and Amanda Yates

Discuss / Approve Minutes from the 11/6/2013 Committee Meeting:

Mike motioned to approve presented minutes, seconded by Harold. The motion carried.

Tour all of the Village Parks to Evaluate Conditions for Improvement

Memorial Park:

Harold suggested we should have a light on the flag the flies year round. Bob will check into rules/etiquette for flying at night.

Harold mentioned his concern about the Village spending money to maintain the municipal parking lot by this park/alley when it is used by the residents from the apartments on Main Street. He feels it is full most of the time and not useable for the purpose of which it is intended. Mike will take this issue to the Police Committee.

Lions Park:

Roger mentioned that the new trees along Ann Street by the playground equipment are starting to grow crooked due to lack of sun light. We need to consider removing the two old trees before it is too late or at least removing some of the branches to allow sufficient sunlight to the new trees. Dennis will check with K & B to see what they suggest as our best option.

The tennis court is seeing enough wear that we need to consider budgeting money again to repaint the surface. There is some money left in a capital account but not enough.

Amanda mentioned that the seats on the swing sets are in need of replacing. Also that the tennis court lights are on all hours of the night and the timer might not be working. Roger will check into these items.

Mike mentioned that we should think about a location for a Kayak launch that the Lake Association will be providing.

Fishermans Park:

No issues at this time.

Firemans Park:

Charity has been selling the ball field fence ads and has 35 of the 56 sold. Harold suggested putting an ad on the fence stating who to contact if interested in placing an ad.

The net on the batting cage is poor. We will hopefully be able to use the profits from the sale of fence ads because the cost for a new one is over \$1000. Otherwise this will need to be included in next year's budget.

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. This is something to consider with funding from the sale of fence ads. The general feeling was to 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 175th celebration, but eventually will need to be replaced or those windows blocked up. This is something to consider with funding from the sale of fence ads. The building is just used for storage now. Dennis will get some quotes to block up the windows.

The block wall on the first base dugout storage building has shifted more over winter, so we'll have to start considering this for repair.

A few more ball field lights are not working. We'll check to see if this is creating any dark spots on the field.

Neider Park:

The parking lot is in need of crack-filling and sealcoating. The plan is to have this repair work done next year.

Harold suggested the dead plants that did not get cut down last fall in the natural garden area could be cut down now. Dennis said this spring has been too wet and now it is starting to grow up already. They will see if it is possible to still get in there.

With no further business, Mike made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bob. The motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Bob Knueppel, Parks and Recreation Chairman