



PARKS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

January 25, 2024

Attendees

Matthew Weyer
Jill Schipp
Natalie Howard
Tom Lueken
Mike Steffe
Shelia Wendholt
Melanie Barrett
Sharon Bohenkemper

The meeting started at 4:30 p.m. We read over the meeting minutes. Mike made a motion to approve the minutes; Jill seconded. All were in favor of approving the minutes. We tabled the finances until the February meeting.

5th street park

Tom presented some budgetary pricing to repair the 5th St boys' baseball field dugouts. The dugouts are experiencing quite a bit of age and had some vandalism or damage last summer. The board took the pricing under advisement and will need to make a decision early this year. The board decided that the repairs would be made after this coming spring sports season rather than trying to finish them before this spring. Tom and team can do most of the work which would save the park money.

Jill contacted Jeff Durlauf about the master plan for 5th Street Park and the ball field but has not heard back from him. Matt mentioned the project to Jeff Warren but hasn't discussed it with him. It was suggested that we send out letters for donations for this project. Jill said she would put something together for a letter to be sent out.

Old Town Lake

Someone contacted Tom and asked if the branches that were cut down during the invasive species day could be removed. Tom had noted that during the month of January many of the limbs had already been cleaned up.

Splash Pad

Sheila Wendholt and Melanie Barrett with the Holland Park board were in attendance. They provided information on their splash pad project. They informed us that they used a company called Spears and put in a flow-through system. Mike said that he would reach out to Spears for information on their company. They were able to build their splash pads through grants, donations, and fundraisers. They did

note that we must have a bathroom, showers, and concrete in the splash pad area. We were considering Counsilman or Moake Park to take on the project. We will review proposals from all three and decide which one will work best for our park and community. Sheila and Melanie did point out that they sent letters out to all township people asking for donations to fund their splash pad. We think this would be a great idea for us to do as well. We are going to need help from the town to make this happen.

Other News

The 2024 possible projects discussion was also tabled.

The election of board officers commenced for 2024. It was discussed and decided on the following: President – Matthew Weyer, Vice President – Jill Schipp, Secretary – Natalie Howard, Mike Steffe – Board Member. Mike made a motion for these positions to be filled as stated above; Natalie seconded. The vote was unanimous.

The Sisters of St. Benedict have exercise places all over their camp areas and have offered some to us if we are interested.

The park board will hold their annual major lease discussions at the next regular park board meeting on February 7th at 4:30 pm. All sports leagues and other interested groups are invited to meeting to discuss their league schedules and tourneys so that we can begin putting together an overall park event schedule. The location of this meeting will be at the town hall. A completed lease form, proof of insurance, and schedule must be provided to the town before the event and/or season starts.

Matt motioned to adjourn the meeting; Natalie seconded and all were in favor. The meeting ended at 6 pm.

The next meeting is February 7 at 4:30 pm at the Town Hall.

Minutes submitted on 25 January 2024

Natalie Howard

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Natalie Howard".