



**PARK BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

Tuesday February 28, 2017
7:00 pm, Town Hall, Town of Troy

Members Present: Jill Berke, Lowell Enerson, Supervisor Suzanne Van Mele, Jane Hawkins, Jodie Duntley
 Members Absent: Jim Freund (excused), Alicia Schneider (excused)
 Others Present: Park Ranger Ron Schock, Patrick Bielfuss

Call to Order

Chair Berke called the meeting of the Town of Troy Park Board to order at 7:01 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes

The Jan. 24, 2017 Park Board meeting minutes were reviewed. Member Enerson moved to approve the Jan. 24 Park Board minutes; second by Hawkins. Motion unanimously carried.

2. Park Ranger Summary and Report – Ron Schock

Rangers met today; Ranger Becker had some parking issues at the boat ramp. Have the new envelopes and new rates are temporarily posted. New rates and winter parking rules will be in spring newsletter. Things are quiet otherwise. Member Duntley moved to accept the combined January 2017 Park Ranger report; second by Van Mele. Motion unanimously carried.

Ranger Enforcement Action Summary:

Jan. 2017	Pemble's Access	Cove Boat Ramp	Glover Park	Totals
Citations Issued:	0	0	0	0
Warnings Issued:	0	0	0	0

3. Discuss and consider, purchase of replacement camera for Park Ranger

Ranger Roen's camera quit working; Supr. Van Mele picked up a new one for him for \$68.

4. Budget Review of Park Revenue/Expenditures, year-to-date 2017; Approval of Invoices

Question on balances from last month was cleared up by Clerk as noted by Chair Berke; information was unchanged since there wasn't a December meeting and January had not yet ended. The 2016 park revenue and expenditures through January 2017, as prepared by the Town Clerk, were reviewed. Income through January 2017 was \$112.32; expenses through January 2017 were \$5,630.16. Impact fees available were \$122,595.00 and the county park fund balance was \$31,681.05. The 3 year CD balance was \$25,226.11. Member Van Mele moved to approve the income and expenditures through January 2017 as tabulated by the Town Clerk; second by Duntley. Motion unanimously carried.

5. Discuss and consider, grant application presentation for multipurpose building at Glover Park – Patrick Bielfuss, Cedar Corp.

Patrick Bielfuss of Cedar Corp. has been working with the subcommittee on plans for the multipurpose building. Will be applying for a DNR Stewardship Grant that could supply up to 50% matching funds. Impact fees to be considered for remaining costs. Deadline for submitting the proposal is May 1st and grants will be awarded by July/Aug timeframe.

Application will emphasize the existing trail system which is passive recreation rather than active recreation which includes ball fields. Two potential sites: Option 1 is roughly where the volleyball court is and Option 2 is east of the roadway, north of the pavilion. Option 1 advantages: 1) centrally located 2) nearest to most users 3) site lines to ball fields, and 4) good visibility. Disadvantages: 1) the volleyball court will probably need to be relocated 2) grading work needed and 3) some trees may need to be removed.

Option 2 advantages: 1) near the existing pavilion 2) minimal grading is needed and 3) may not need the pavilion option. Disadvantages: 1) users may feel isolated/unsafe, and 2) safety hazard for ball players and game attendees to cross the road with traffic to use the bathroom.

The proposed building has 24x30 restrooms with 3 toilets and 2 sinks in each; 10x24 concession area, community kitchen, and optional pavilion. Outside drinking fountain is included. If open year round it will need to be heated. Discussion about Town Board's process to review and consider approval. Septic perk and grade would also be considered in final location.

Proposed is a 10' asphalt trail through the site and along road, crossing the entrance road close to the existing native prairie garden and to Eagle Trail on its east boundary. Preliminary cost estimates discussed. Planner suggested requesting the greater estimate with more amenities, recognizing that the award may be less than 50% of the costs.

Three options on building materials: block wall is \$274,300; precast is \$271,200, and; wood is \$251,200. Town Board has approved a maximum of \$200,000 for this project. Concrete block wall option with a precast concrete ceiling (additional cost) would allow this option to be used also as a storm shelter. Will use existing well if possible, depending on the water pressure. Members present, or consensus favored Option 1, with change of volleyball court placement to north of the multipurpose building if feasible. Draft proposal will be reviewed at March meeting.

6. Park & Recreation Reports

Cove Boat Ramp:

a. Discuss and consider, update report of new fee posting at ramp

Member Freund temporarily posted fees on Rules Sign; permanent signage will be posted when weather warms up.

b. Discuss and consider, any activity at ramp

Winter activity is slow.

Glover Park:

a. Discuss and consider, status report on N. Field fencing project-Lowell Enerson

Member Enerson gave brief overview of the project and bid/labor/measurement issues. Valley Fence installed 410 feet at \$12.00 for \$4920; deducted \$150 since Member Enerson plowed the area. Town of Troy paid \$3250, Hudson and River Falls each paid \$700. Impact fees in 2017 to be used for Town's share of the project.

- b. Discuss and consider, vandalism incident & damaged directional sign-Jill Berke**
Dog waste sign on east boundary of Eagle Trail north of the playground was vandalized with obscene illustrations; Lebo Sign in process of creating replacement sign. The damaged directional sign taken down by a vehicle on curve near crosswalk was temporarily nailed to a tree by maintenance staff, and new post will be installed in the spring.
- c. Discussion and consider, update report, trash container project-Supr. Van Mele**
Larry Hanson gave a bid of approx. \$600; consensus given by members that bid is acceptable. Supr. Van Mele will call and ask for it to be completed by June.
- d. Discuss and consider, request for use of field(s) for lacrosse activity-Jill Berke**
Chair Berke got an email from Joe Madigan, interested in some space for activity of lacrosse. She asked him to visit area and see if there is sufficient room north of the N. Field. Board doubtful since the new fencing limits the open space area.

Pemble's Access

- a. Discussion and consider, update report, trash container project-Supr. Van Mele**
Approx. \$600 approved for replacement trash container, to be built by Larry Hanson by June.
- b. Discussion and consideration, any activity**
Pemble's is closed

7. Correspondence

None to report.

8. Announcements and request for future agenda items

Chair Berke met with a River Falls Scout who wishes to do Eagle Project in Glover Park who plans to give preliminary report at March meeting. Member Duntley volunteered to work with another youngster from River Falls Scout Troop on Eagle project. Member Duntley asked that burn of the native prairie area be on March agenda.

9. Adjournment

Member Duntley moved to adjourn the meeting; second by Hawkins. Motion unanimously carried. The Feb. 28, 2017 meeting of the Town of Troy Park Board was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Next Meeting: Mar. 28, 2017

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Randall
Secretary, Town of Troy Park Board