



**PARK BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

Tues., June 26, 2018
7:00 pm, Town Hall, Town of Troy

Members Present: Jill Berke, Jodie Duntley, Jane Hawkins, Jim Freund, Alicia Schneider, Heath Tille, Supr. Lowell Enerson

Members Absent:

Others Present: Park Ranger Ron Schock, Mark and Karin Erickson

Call to Order

Chair Berke called the meeting of the Town of Troy Park Board to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Public Comment

Request for comments by Chair; no comments made.

2. Approval of Minutes, including review & discussion

The May 22, 2018 Park Board meeting minutes were reviewed. Member Freund moved to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2018 Park Board; second by member Tille. Motion unanimously carried. The May 15, 2018 Park Site Tour minutes were reviewed. Member Freund moved to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2018 Park Site Tour; second by member Duntley. Motion unanimously carried.

3. Park Ranger Summary and Report – Ron Schock

Ranger Schock reported very few problems at the boat launch due to high water. Dock & gangway have been moved. Pemble's is also closed due to high water. Very busy at Glover; Hudson baseball tournament last weekend. Rangers cannot ticket boat launch vehicles parked on Carpenter Nature Center property as asked by member Freund. Chair Berke will talk to Dan Pearson about Sheriff's Dept. adjusting their patrol schedule; patrolling too early to be effective. Discussion on boat launch warnings. Member Duntley moved to accept the June 2018 Park Ranger report; second by member Schneider. Motion unanimously carried.

Ranger Enforcement Action Summary:

June 2018	Pemble's Access	Cove Boat Ramp	Glover Park	Totals
Citations Issued:	0	3	0	3
Warnings Issued:	0	2	0	2

4. **Budget Review of Park Revenue/Expenditures; Expenditures & Funds, year-to-date 2018; Approval of Invoices**

Will review next month as Clerk is out of town.

5. **Park & Recreation Reports**

Cove Boat Ramp:

- a. **Discuss and consider, activity level**
Dock and gangway moved; water is high.
- b. **Discuss and consider, status report, repainting parking stalls**
Gary Parent will repaint stalls.

Glover Park:

- a. **Discuss and consider, multipurpose building grants status- Lowell Enerson**
Reviewed revenue and expense sheet. Received 2 more grants- \$250 from St. Croix Electric and \$250 from Royal Credit Union. Still waiting on DNR grant status; should hopefully hear in July.
- b. **Discuss and consider, policy for ball organizations to add bathroom satellites for tournaments**
Member Duntley has witnessed tournament attendees relieving themselves in the woods. Discussion about asking leagues to rent satellite at North Field since bathroom is so far away. River Falls team brings satellites. Member Enerson will call Hudson team to discuss.
- c. **Discuss and consider, status of park maintenance projects**
Chair Berke cleared sand burrs from volleyball court and will keep a check on this. Member Hawkins is helping Scout Avery Richardson clean birdhouses. Bulletin board next to pavilion won't get fixed by church group this year; will ask Ranger Roen to replace Plexiglas and hinges. Enerson coordinated project to replace timbers around playground and cleaned out sandburs, with town crew and Jack Larson's help.

Pemble's Access

- a. **Discuss and consider, temporary closing of park due to high water**
Closed indefinitely due to high water.
- b. **Discuss and consider, measures to decrease overcrowding and trespassing on neighboring properties**
Mark and Karin Erickson were present to give comment about the access issues. Chair Berke asked Rangers to spend more time at Pemble's during extreme hot weather. Draft language for new "No Trespassing" signs on north and south boundaries, and updated "no

parking” signs discussed. Rangers cannot ticket if they see drinking; would have to call Sheriff’s Dept. Erickson’s’ would like to see more enforcement. Concern that county should patrol during the busy time vs. early open hours. Discussion on when to reopen and if there should be a set water level for opening and closing. Rangers will discuss at their next meeting. Per DNR regulations, we cannot restrict access to being in the water (“wet feet”), but law does indicate that it is considered “trespassing” if individuals are on private owner’s land. There are problems on any extremely hot day, not just weekends. Discussion about consideration for paid parking and staffing with an attendant during busy periods; will consider during budget discussions in August. Member Tille will report on fees charged at county’s Troy Beach and Kinnikinnic State Park; will be on July agenda.

c. Discuss and consider, informational handout for visitors

Info handouts at Glover worked well with dog compliance so it’s worth a try at Pemble’s. Chair Berke reviewed draft handout. Will add other local beach areas, trespassing and parking fines. Chair Berke will check on fine for fires, pets & alcohol. Dan Bauman, DNR provided a fact sheet on common questions about the public’s right to access. Discussion on trespassing on land vs. allowable access in the water.

d. Discuss and consider, review of signage changes and updates

Reviewed wording for new “No Trespassing” signs on borders with penalty fine posted. If people trespass, on private property, the landowner will need to call the Sheriff’s Dept. and pursue any action. Rangers can ticket \$50 if someone parks in front of the Erickson’s gate. They will write citations instead of asking people to move their vehicles. Replacement “No Parking” signs will use stronger language with warning about violations. Will look at ordering “access closed” sign to place across gate. Ranger Becker to install more “no parking” signs at the entrance.

6. Correspondence

None to report.

7. Announcements and request for future agenda items

Fees at neighboring public beaches and update on multipurpose building project.

8. Adjournment

Member Enerson moved to adjourn the meeting; second by member Duntley. Motion unanimously carried. The June 26 2018 meeting of the Town of Troy Park Board adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Next Meeting: July 24, 2018

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