



## **PARK BOARD SPECIAL MEETING-PARK SITE TOUR MINUTES**

Monday, June 5, 2017

5:30 pm, Cove Boat Ramp, 306A Cove Road, Hudson, WI

Members Present: Jill Berke (all sites), Jodie Duntley (all sites), Jim Freund (only boat ramp), Jane Hawkins (only Glover), Lowell Enerson (only Glover)

Members Absent: Suzanne van Mele (excused), Alicia Schneider (excused)

Others Present: Park Ranger Ron Schock, Gary Parent, Mark and Karen Erickson, Avery Richardson (and parents).

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### **1. Call to Order**

Chair Berke called the special meeting of the Town of Troy Park Board to order at 5:30 p.m. No quorum.

### **2. Park site tour to inspect grounds and facilities, and consider recommendations**

#### **Cove Boat Ramp, 306A Cove Rd. 5:30 p.m.:**

##### **1. Discuss and consider, site observations and potential projects**

Ranger Schock reported that the boat ramp was chaotic the day before and Ranger Becker called him in for help as he ran out of citations. Some people with annual stickers were upset there was no place to park. Suggest adding language on annual sticker info that it's equal to a day pass and there is no guaranteed parking. Two or three boards need to be replaced on the dock; Gary Parent with town crew or Ranger Roen if he can do this along with repairing the bumper on the north side of the dock where loose. Buckthorn on both sides of ramp to be cleaned up in fall; put on later agenda. Updated fees are posted. Consider building a small bulletin board/kiosk as a potential Scout project. Road crew will stripe parking spots, which are nearly faded.

#### **Pemble's Access, 193 Glenmont Road, River Falls, approx. 6:00 p.m.**

##### **1. Discuss and consider, neighbor (Erickson) boundary concerns**

Discussion related to neighbors to the south of Pemble's Access. Neighbors, Karin and Mark Erickson present at the beach property. Access users wander onto the Diefenbach property (Erickson's) to the south. Gary Parent will put up a thicker rope with flags from the sign once the water is lower. The Ericksons' would like additional signage besides the "No Trespassing" sign. Park Rangers can only tell people they are on private property; they usually comply and leave. The property owner has to be the one to call the Sheriff's Dept.

Deputies do patrol on weekends. Is there a legal capacity at the Access? "Danger" sign discussed; will have to run it by new Town Attorney along with the Ericksons' riparian rights. Chair Berke suggested meeting with Sheriff Shilts and the Erickson's about options.

Ranger Schock reported that the main citations here are for parking. The Ericksons' vehicles and their friends' vehicles all have Black Bass Bar stickers; they will scan and send to Chair Berke who will forward to the Rangers so they know what vehicles are permitted in the private parking spot.

## **2. Discuss and consider, site observations and potential projects**

Gary Parent to put up heavier rope when water is lower. Noted signs of a few fires. Discussed water buoys, additional signage to alert swimmers of river current, and plan for future meeting agenda item, to discuss potential attendant on week- ends in next budget cycle.

### **Glover Park, 428 N. Glover Rd, Hudson, approx. 6:30 p.m.**

#### **1. Discuss and consider, final Girl Scout project report-Avery Richardson**

Avery Richardson presented her final Gold Award project. Going to add gutters and a Boy Scout is adding a rain barrel. Avery will also add shelves; Chair Berke will pick up a wheelbarrow bracket. Still needs to be balanced with stones. She received grants from PCK Foundation, St. Croix Valley Master Gardeners, and 3M. Another sign will be added for the rain barrel donation.

#### **2. Discuss and consider, site observations and potential projects**

Viewed big tree leaning across the railroad trail access by Member Duntley's house; will need to be taken down by a tree service. Will talk to the Judge's since it's on their property. Access road to park needs sealcoating next year. Ash can for grill by pavilion was stolen; will not replace, people can clean it out before they use it. Chair Berke bought gravel for where the water from the pump hits the ground as it's washing out; asked Gary Parent if there's a plumbing mechanism they can install to prevent this. He will also check if the water needs to be tested; he hasn't a received a letter but will check with Clerk.

Group from Faith Community doing volunteer project June 19-23 and will be: removing sand burrs at playground and volleyball court; fixing roof on kiosk; trimming on Bluff Trail; and maybe staining the kiosk. Ranger Shock will talk to Ranger Becker about tree down on Bluff Trail. Discussed replacing wood trim around playground since it's rotting; project to be hired out and matter to be on future agenda. Potentially add a shade tree by the bench at playground. Playground age sign was stolen and will be replaced.

The pedestrian sign at entrance that was hit should be taken off the tree and reposted in ground; town crew to take care of. Check that footbridge on Oak Trail didn't get washed out. Discussion on trees to be cleaned up when multipurpose building is built. Chair Berke will work on finding someone to widen trails since Trailsource is not returning her calls. Hand sanitizers in bathrooms need to be filled by park rangers; however, women's restroom dispenser needs to be replaced. Member Duntley got more mulch for the pollinator garden. Members should keep an eye and ear out for projects.

## **3. Adjournment**

Member Enerson moved to adjourn the meeting; second by Duntley. Motion unanimously carried. The June 5, 2017 park site tour special meeting of the Town of Troy Park Board was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** June 27, 2017 (regular meeting) at Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Randall  
Secretary, Town of Troy Park Board