



TOWN of TROY
PARK BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

Tues. July 27, 2021
7:00 pm, Town Hall, Town of Troy

Members Present: Jill Berke, Doug Rowen, Jim Freund, Mark Swanson, Alicia Schneider, Katie Huttemier, Peter Reese

Members Absent:

Others Present: Pam Ellingson

1. Call to Order

Chair Berke called the meeting of the Town of Troy Park Board to order at 7:03 p.m. Meeting was held via Zoom Teleconference/Video Teleconference due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. Public Comment

Request by Chair for any comments. No public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes, including review & discussion

The June 22, 2021 Park Board meeting minutes were reviewed. Member Freund moved the Park Board approve the minutes of the June 22, 2021 Park Board; second by member Schneider. Motion unanimously carried.

4. Park Ranger Summary and Report, including discussion & review of monthly summary report

The Park Ranger report was reviewed. Supr. Rowen reported that the Ranger on duty could attend Park Board meetings if needed. Member Swanson moved to approve the June 2021 Park Ranger report; second by member Freund. Motion unanimously carried.

Ranger Enforcement Action Summary:

June 2021	Pemle's Access	Cove Boat Ramp	Glover Park	Totals
Citations Issued:	2	4	0	6
Warnings Issued:	4	2	2	8

5. Budget Review of Park Revenue/Expenditures; Expenditures & Funds, year-to-date 2021; Approval of Invoices

The 2021 park revenue and expenditures through June 30, 2021, as prepared by the Town Clerk, were reviewed. Member Schneider moved to accept the income

and expenditures for June 2021 as tabulated by the Town clerk; second by member Swanson. Motion unanimously carried. Income year-to-date through June: \$5,664.66; expenses: \$23,042.68. Impact fees available: \$65,213.00; county park fund balance: \$60,683.50.

6. Park & Recreation Reports

Cove Boat Ramp:

a. Discuss and consider, activity

Member Freund reported normal activity and no major issues.

Glover Park:

a. Discuss and consider, subcommittee report including setting a date for community building and trail restoration dedication-Jill

Dedication will be Sept. 25, 10-12:00 p.m. Member Schneider suggested having ball team members attend in their jerseys and replenish refreshments. Best Maid Cookies will donate cookies. Will need 1 or 2 members or other volunteers to lead trail tour and assist with other tasks. Outreach to inform the public of event will include email contact list to send out info, post on the Town website and all park kiosks, and at YMCA Camp St. Croix.

b. Update report, butterfly garden restoration

Chair Berke, member Huttemier, and a master gardener intern transplanted perennials from the native prairie planting by the East Pavilion to the butterfly garden, located by the NW Kiosk. Will add more plants when weather improves.

c. Discuss and consider, establishing pickleball court guidelines and adjustment of fencing-Peter

The fencing on a couple corners wasn't stretched down far enough so balls could get through. Member Reese is working to lower the fencing as needed to meet the asphalt surface to prevent the balls from escaping. Chair Berke contacted Todd Domino on adjusting mowing pattern to keep grass off the court. Discussion on if guidelines and/or signage is needed. Discussed time limits. Member Reese will look at Glen Park in River Falls for signage ideas; Supr. Rowen will do the same at Hudson's Anderson Park and any other examples available. Signage and guidelines to be considered for the August agenda.

d. Continued discussion and consideration, options to abandon old restroom tanks

Road crew is confident they can fill the tanks in and cap them as reported by Supr. Rowen. It will be on their to-do list for when they have a gap in projects. The County asked to be notified once it's done so they can update their records. Chair Berke moved that the Park Board approve having the Town road crew fill the existing tanks inside and outside of the building and install cement caps; second by member Reese. Motion unanimously carried. Chair Berke did research on government surplus sale for restroom stall partitions and she will provide info at Aug. meeting.

e. Discuss and consider, trimming overgrowth along trails

Chair Berke thanked Pam Ellingson for volunteering to weed whip along some of the trails that have become overgrown along the edges. She talked to Todd Domino with Lawn Barbers, and his crew is able to do more trimming. They mowed along Omaha Access. This work is in addition to the routine maintenance they complete at Glover Park. Member Swanson moved to have Lawn Barbers clear overgrowth along trails in the park; second by member Freund. Motion unanimously carried.

f. Discuss and consider, annual planning for buckthorn treatment

Chair Berke discussed aggressive buckthorn problem as you come in on Omaha Access, areas along Eagle Trail and other problem sections with Dan Cain, who the board has contracted with in the past to treat buckthorn. He suggested a more concentrated foliar spray, starting early to mid Sept. He will come out to the park in late Aug. to develop a plan; Chair Berke will keep others informed about this. Overall treatment plan was also discussed.

g. Discuss and consider, award of grant from St. Croix Electric for community kitchen

Town was awarded a \$500 grant from St. Croix Electric; will need to use it towards the kitchen. Will discuss what to use it for during budget process. Chair Berke will send a thank you note.

h. Discuss and consider, use of ball fields by groups other than Hudson and River Falls teams

After a recent request from a ball organization, Chair Berke wondered if we need a different reservation policy than we currently have for pavilions. Current reservation form allows reservation of the fields. To be on Aug. agenda after everyone's had a chance to review the form.

i. Discuss and consider, update sign at intersection of Glover Road and South Glover Road

Consensus is to replace the faded sign at this intersection. Chair Berke will order it from Lebo Sign and have Town crew install. Supr. Rowen reported on the refrigerator door issue in the community kitchen. Stops for the casters are installed but the door isn't any easier to open. He talked to the manufacturer; and they said seals will loosen up over time. Supr. Rowen recommends putting a thin piece of wood behind the seal. He will continue working on solutions to this issue.

Pemble's Access:

a. Discuss and consider, activity

Members Swanson and Reese reported no issues, normal use. Water is very low so there's a lot of beach for visitors.

7. Update report, bicycle/pedestrian signage on Co. U and Apollo Rd-Jill

Clarification noted that the agenda should say Powell Ave. and not Apollo Rd.. County Planner Brett Budrow is in agreement with adding signage along County U/Powell Ave., heading east to Main St. of River Falls. When complete, this will be an extension of the “blue dot” route from Troy into the city.

8. Discuss and consider, Park Ranger cell phone plan and use-Supr. Rowen

Supr. Rowen reported that the Park Rangers are trying out a new universal phone number app. When you dial the number, it will go to the Ranger on duty. When Rangers are off duty, they turn the app off. Voicemail and texting are also enabled. This way, Rangers do not have to give out their personal phone number and contact info won't change if a new Ranger is hired. Plan would be to continue \$25 monthly reimbursement to each Ranger when app is used, in addition to the cost for use of the app through the cell phone company. Supr. Rowen will provide an update at Aug. meeting and he encouraged members to call the assigned number.

9. Discuss and consider, possible projects for use of COVID recovery funds-Supr. Rowen

Supr. Rowen sent out the “interim final guidelines” to everyone. The Town will wait until rules are final before committing money to specific projects. Potential projects were discussed including expanding broadband and Wi Fi, adding a handwashing sink in the community kitchen, expanding parking area at Glover Park, expanding boat ramp parking, adding a bigger well at Glover Park for ice skating rink. Contact Supr. Rowen with other ideas. Discussion will continue.

10. Correspondence

None to report.

11. Announcements and requests for future agenda items

No announcements. Include leveling left field of South Field in upcoming budget discussion.

12. Adjournment

Member Swanson moved to adjourn the meeting; second by member Schneider. Motion unanimously carried. The July 27, 2021 meeting of the Town of Troy Park Board adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Next Meeting: August 24, 2021

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