



PARK BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

July 26, 2022

7:00 pm, Town Hall, Town of Troy

Members Present: Jill Berke, Ray Knapp, Mark Swanson, Peter Reese, Alicia Schneider, Jim Freund

Members Absent: Katie Huttemier

Others Present: Andy Ciarro, DNR Forester

1. Call to Order

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

2. Public Comment

Request by Chair for any comments. No public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes, including review & discussion

The June 28th, 2022 Park Board meeting minutes were reviewed. Member Swanson moved the Park Board approve the minutes of the June 28, 2022 Park Board; second by member Reese. Motion unanimously carried.

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

The Park Ranger report was reviewed. Chair Berke will follow up with Ranger Gunderson on the "no parking" sign at Pemble's with incorrect citation amount on it. He also suggested installing a bike repair kit at Glover. Chair Berke will reach out to Ron Roen to fix the warped picnic table boards. Supr. Knapp reported that the owner of a disabled car at Glover is having it towed. Member Schneider moved to approve the June 2022 Park Ranger report; second by member Swanson. Motion unanimously carried.

Ranger Enforcement Action Summary:

June 2022	Pemble's Access	Cove Boat Ramp	Glover Park	Animal	Other	Totals
Citations Issued:	0	15	0	0		15
Warnings Issued:	0	6	0	0		6

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

The 2022 park revenue and expenditures through June 2022, as prepared by the Town Clerk, were reviewed. Member Freund moved to accept the income and expenditures as tabulated by the Town Clerk for June 2022; second by member Swanson. Motion unanimously carried. Income year-to-date through June: \$7,099.71; expenses: \$21,754.42. Impact fees available: \$65,593.35; county park fund balance: \$61,064.95.

6. Park & Recreation Reports

Cove Boat Ramp:

a. Discuss and consider, activity

Continues to be busy.

b. Status report, additional “no parking” signs in boat ramp area-Ray Knapp

Supr. Knapp reported that the town board approved the additional “no parking” signage recommendation within one mile of the boat ramp. Member Freund will be out of town and Supr. Enerson will take care of working with the road crew to get these installed.

Glover Park:

a. Discuss and consider, Forest Management Plan presentation-Andy Ciurro, DNR Forester 7:15 p.m.

Andy Ciurro, DNR Forester presented the 10-year Forest Stewardship Plan he prepared for Glover Park. Nothing in the plan is required; these are his recommendations and this is a flexible document. Management practices are included. Three different forest stands have been identified in the park: aspen forest, oak forest, and red pine forest. NHI inventory did come up with an endangered plant: dotted blazing star from 1995 in the “Glover prairie.” The plant will not be disturbed by any forest activity.

Ciurro reviewed the recommended management practice by year. He recommends the oak stand get harvested at some point to prevent oak wilt. Discussed what needs to be done after harvesting, such as deer tubing. He will mark the trees to be removed for harvest. He noted that the aspen should be maintained as much as possible, as it is a critical tree for many animal species; recommends it be regenerated. The red pine stand is nice quality, has been maintained and thinned. Trees are healthy, and good amount of oak coming up which is good to see. Recommends partially or completely harvesting the red pine to allow the oak to take over.

Getting buckthorn under control will help immensely; he recommends continuing the current treatment plan. Garlic mustard and honeysuckle should be removed. Reviewed the land exam data. He recommends all harvesting to be done at once due to how the market here works. He pointed out that it will probably take two years to get loggers booked. Discussed harvesting in winter vs. summer. He can come back to a future meeting to discuss plans. Also discussed the threat of spongey moth, formerly known as gypsy moth, currently not in this area yet, and anticipates it will be a future problem. Member Swanson moved to accept the Forest Stewardship Plan presented by DNR Forester Andy Ciurro, dated June 20, 2022; second by member Freund. Motion unanimously carried. The Park Board thanked Ciurro for his work on the plan.

b. Discuss and consider, parking optimization project Plan and Updates-Mark Swanson

Member Swanson reported that posts were installed earlier this month along the roadway next to the pickleball courts. Member Huttemier and her husband, Ranger

Becker, Supr. Doug Rowen and project coordinator Swanson worked on the project. Supr. Knapp noted the recycling center just hired a new employee who may be interested in helping with the project; board expressed support for hiring him to help if needed. Member Swanson will talk to Supr. Rowen about purchasing remaining posts and store behind Town shop until installed. Thank you extended to volunteers by other members.

c. Update report, driveway into overflow parking and signage

Gravel is down at overflow entrance, and 143 parking spaces north of the North Field have been mapped by Cedar Corp. Member Swanson suggested chalking some spaces for tournaments. Member Swanson noted that if it's a smaller tournament they could do 100 spaces to free up more green space for other park users. Member Freund suggested roping it. Could also get volunteers from teams to help park cars. As member Schneider had to leave the meeting early, this will go on the August agenda for further discussion.

d. Discuss and consider, bids for South Field improvement project and other project updates-Alicia Schneider

Member Schneider received a bid from BS Construction for \$24,950 and an email from Willow River Companies with an informal estimate for a "range of \$10-12,000." Noted big difference in bids, and she expressed concern that the Willow River Co. bid may not be accurate. She met with BS Construction on site. Would probably have to purchase additional infield fill for regrading, roughly \$1600 for a truck load but he would need to check current pricing. Volunteers to remove and reinstall fencing. One Hudson team is using fields through Aug. 22 but they could use the North Field.

Discussed the legal requirements of the bid process; it will need to be posted but the Town does not need to accept the lowest bid due to the cost of the project. Supr. Knapp thinks we need to wait to accept the bid until after it's posted. Member Schneider moved to recommend to the Town Board to notice the project in the official newspaper based on the conditions submitted; second by member Freund. Motion unanimously carried. Member Schneider will email bid to Clerk, Supr. Knapp will make sure it gets on August Town Board agenda.

e. Update report, herbicide treatment at South Field

Chair Berke reported that Todd Domino with Lawn Barbers treated the field and under the bleachers on July 9.

f. Discuss and consider, electrician to repair electrical problems at East Pavilion

Chair Berke talked to Evergreen Electric of River Falls about fixing an electrical short at the East Pavilion. Cost to repair is roughly \$150. Member Reese suggested having him also install the needed outlet for the WiFi router in the community kitchen at the same time. Chair Berke will get a cost estimate from Evergreen. Chair Berke moved to have an electrician come out and take care of East Pavilion issue and work on the router outlet project in community building; second by member Reese. Discussion. Motion unanimously carried.

g. Discuss and consider, update report, public easement status of Omaha Access-Ray Knapp

Supr. Knapp reported that the Omaha Access easement was surveyed and part of the trail is on personal property and not park property by 5-10'. Town Board voted to have Park Board work with Rob Jones to ensure the trail is moved onto the Town's easement. The neighbor's have no issue with this. Could contact BS Construction to work on this project. Supr. Knapp suggested restoring the whole trail. Member Swanson moved to have BS Construction or other vendor move the trail so it's on public access versus private access; second by Chair Berke. Motion unanimously carried.

h. Report, recent water testing status at community building-Jill

Chair Berke received report from Ed Thurman, County Public Health Inspector who retested water in the community building. Test produced negative result.

Pemle's Access:

a. Discuss and consider, activity

It's been busy with the hot weather. Water level is down, good for the beach.

b. Discuss and consider, possible blue green algae along beach and public notice

County alerted the Town about algae blooms at Troy Beach, and that beach has since been reopened. Rangers are keeping an eye on blooms at Pemle's. Chair worked with Deputy Clerk to post notice on Town website to inform public. Notice also posted at Pemle's. Member Reese pointed out that posting notice to be aware of the algae should suffice; shouldn't have to close it since public uses the beach, and don't necessarily go into the water to swim. Consensus by other members.

c. Update report, monthly water testing by St. Croix County Public Health

County continues to test water at Pemle's on a monthly basis.

General

a. Update report, landscape planting at town hall-Jill

Chair Berke met with one interested landscaper, K&M Outdoor Services, who will get estimate on planting ornamental grasses, perennial flowers, and replace rocks with mulch on South side of the Town Hall.

7. Correspondence

None to report.

8. Announcements and request for future agenda items

Contact Chair Berke with any future agenda items. Will start on budget next month; members directed to forward any suggestions to member Freund. Member Reese will have broadband update for August meeting.

9. Adjournment

Member Swanson moved to adjourn the meeting; second by member Freund. Motion unanimously carried. The July 26, 2022 meeting of the Town of Troy Park Board adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Next Meeting: August 23, 2022

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