



PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 23, 2024
7:00 pm, Town Hall, Town of Troy

Members Present: Jill Berke, Mark Swanson, Joe Wusterbarth, Gary Sumner,
Shanna Rowekamp, Alicia Schneider

Members Absent: Chris Gruber, Gary Sumner (both excused)

Others Present: Jan Cuccia

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**

Jan Cuccia, 132 Skyline Drive thanked the Park Board for their service to the Town. In addition, she explained that the Town is part of a partnership team with municipalities stretching 52 miles up and down the river in both Wisconsin and Minnesota and they are working on potential new standardized signage indicating when people are entering the Riverway District. The DNR and NPS are also members of the partnership. Jan is representing the Town and is one of the officers on the board. She showed the Park Board the signage mock up and explained that the process is just beginning.

3. **Approval of minutes, including review and discussion**

The November 28th, 2023 Park Board meeting minutes were reviewed. Member Swanson moved to approve the November 28th, 2023 Park Board minutes; second by member Wusterbarth. Motion unanimously carried.

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

The Nov. and Dec. Park Ranger reports were reviewed. Member Rowekamp moved to approve the Nov. 2023 Park Ranger report; second by member Schneider. Motion unanimously carried. Member Swanson moved to approve the Dec. 2023 Park Ranger report; second by member Wusterbarth. Motion unanimously carried.

Ranger Enforcement Action Summary:

Nov/Dec. 2023	Pemble's Access	Cove Boat Ramp	Glover Park	Animal	Other	Totals
Citations Issued:	0	0	0	0		0
Warnings Issued:	0	0	1	0		1

5. Budget Review of Park Revenue/Expenditures; Expenditures & Funds, year-to-date 2023/24; Approval of Invoices

The 2023 park revenue and expenditures from Nov. 29, 2023 through Dec. 31, 2023 and Jan. 1, 2024 through Jan. 23, 2024 as prepared by the Town Clerk, were reviewed. Info on impact fees and county park fund balance not included. Member Swanson moved to approve the report as submitted with requested information to be forthcoming at next meeting for the cost of the bike shelter and to reflect the impact fees and bank accounts for parks; second by member Schneider. Motion unanimously carried.

6. Park & Recreation Reports

Cove Boat Ramp:

a. Discuss and consider, activity

Very little activity as ice is unsafe.

Glover Park:

a. Discuss and consider, activity

Continued high level of use with lack of snow & good weather.

b. Discuss and consider, downed trees cleared along trails

Rangers took care of some downed trees on Oak Trail. One tree on Omaha Access that came down has been moved. Oak/Woodland-Wildflower Trail sign was put back in place by volunteer Dennis Berke.

c. Discuss and consider, update report, Enloe memorial bench project-Chair Berke

Rick from Public Works reported that the bench arrived and he was going to put it together to make sure it wasn't missing any parts; it will be installed in the spring. Chair Berke contacted Harriet Enloe to inform her that it was received. Donation amount needs to be in financials.

d. Discuss and consider, 2024 tournament requests

Member Schneider noted that the River Falls team requested June 7-9 and Hudson requested June 14-16 for tournaments. Member Swanson moved to approve the River Falls tournament date of June 7-9 and the Hudson tournament date of June 14-16; second by member Wusterbarth. Motion unanimously carried. Chair Berke will touch base with clerk's office to see if deposits have been received.

e. Discuss and consider, Agreement with Hudson Boosters and River Falls Youth Baseball Organization, including team reservation policy and future agreement modifications-Alicia Schneider and Supr. Gruber

Member Schneider suggested waiting on this item until Supr. Gruber is in attendance.

f. Discuss and consider, site visit meeting with DNR and forester for forest management project-Chair Berke

Chair Berke suggested inviting DNR Forester Andy Ciurro and the contracted forester for the forest management project to the spring site visit to look at the trees marked for cutting.

8. Discuss and consider, review and make recommendations related to Chapter 39 and 109

Reference made to the Town Staff's Dec. review of the Park Board's recommended changes to Chapters 39 and 109 that provided comments/questions and additional recommendations on some items. The Park Board reviewed the comments and questions, and is forwarding the following recommendations to the Town Board.

1. Chapter 39 Citations: consensus is that \$100 is a satisfactory fee for citations.
2. Chapter 39 – yes, doublecheck that all items are corresponding to match the revised ordinance.
3. 109-7(B) Pemble's Access closure – the Park Board reviewed NR 5.33 and thought this reference is for boats; no wake zones are not always because of the height of the river. Chair Berke moved for this section to read: "Park closes when St. Croix River water level measures 683.0 MSL or greater or when the Town determines beach access is unavailable for use."; second by member Swanson. Motion unanimously carried.
4. 109-3(D) Noise restrictions. Insert/retain "drones" – the Park Board feels drones are an annoying intrusion when trying to enjoy the outdoors at all 3 Town parks. It was noted that Kinnickinnic State Park doesn't allow them. Member Schneider moved that drones are not allowed in any Town parks; second by member Wusterbarth. Motion unanimously carried.
5. 109-3(G) – Fireworks – the Town has already acted on this. Chair Berke moved to leave G and to remove the reference to the Wisconsin statute; second by member Rowekamp. Motion unanimously carried.
6. 109-3(K) Making of fires. Remove "unburned fuel/ashes . . ." – Chair Berke explained that there used to be a can/bucket with a chain and scoop for ashes. One became damaged years ago and the Park Board decided to not replace it, noting also that county parks do not have ash receptacles. The burning charcoal will eventually die down. The Park Board supports as recommended previously with the receptacle language removed.
7. 109-7(F)(4) - Pemble's parking. The Park Board recommended to change this from 2 spaces to 1 for contiguous landowner. Chair Berke moved for 109-7(F)(4) to read: "1 parking space in the access area and such space is located in front of the gate that provides access to the respective south contiguous property."; second by member Schneider. Motion unanimously carried.

8. 109- Article III Pemble's Access (6) - Chair Berke moved to add "d." "No overnight parking," second by member Swanson. Motion unanimously carried.
9. 7(L) – Use of Beach Area. Member Schneider moved to include the language on allowing food/drink in the water. Add "No glass containers allowed." Retain the restriction on soap and shampoo; second by member Swanson. Motion unanimously carried.
10. 109-7(R) - No Overnight Camping. No person or vehicle shall be allowed to camp on Pemble's Access property for any reason. Chair Berke moved to keep the title as "No overnight camping"; second by member Swanson. Motion unanimously carried.
11. Article II Glover Park M. Motor Vehicles – Chair Berke moved for this section to read: "(3) Parking for motor vehicles is allowed in designated paved areas. Subject to posted restrictions, additional parking when needed is allowed in designated "overflow parking" area, designated for supplemental parking, provided that such parking does not block the movement of other vehicles or interfere with the usage of park facilities"; second by member Schneider. Motion unanimously carried.
12. Article II Glover Park "N." No overnight parking at Glover." Retain language as previously recommended.

9. Correspondence

None received.

10. Announcements and request for future agenda items

Chair Berke noted that the Town has a special meeting on Feb 6 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss land purchase north of town hall. Discuss adding a new dog waste station behind South Field heading up Eagle Pass. Ball agreement also for Feb.

11. Adjournment

Member Swanson moved to adjourn the meeting; second by member Wusterbarth. Motion unanimously carried. The January 23rd, 2024 meeting of the Town of Troy Park Board adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Next Meeting: Feb. 27, 2024

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