



PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 27, 2024
7:00 pm, Town Hall, Town of Troy

Members Present: Jill Berke, Mark Swanson, Gary Sumner, Shanna Rowekamp, Chris Gruber

Members Absent: Alicia Schneider, Joe Wusterbarth (both excused)

Others Present: Ranger Harvey Becker

1. **Call to Order**

Chair Berke called the meeting of the Town of Troy Park Board to order at 7:17 p.m.

2. **Public Comment**

No one spoke.

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

The January 23rd, 2024 Park Board meeting minutes were reviewed. Member Swanson moved to approve the January 23rd, 2024 Park Board minutes; second by Supr. Gruber. Motion unanimously carried.

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

The Jan. 2024 Park Ranger report was reviewed. Ranger Becker was in attendance to answer any questions. He reported that the Town may need to consider pest control inside the community building. The gutter seams are leaking, making the sidewalk slippery; just needs some self-leveling caulk to fix it. People have been dumping household trash at Glover as a result of two of the Town's garbage haulers refusing to pick up due to road restrictions.

Road crew will stripe parking area at Cove Boat Ramp, and remove large log where boat ramp goes. Rangers have new phone number; signs will need to be updated with new information; Chair will coordinate update. Member Swanson moved to approve the Jan. 2024 Park Ranger report; second by member Rowekamp. Motion unanimously carried.

Ranger Enforcement Action Summary:

Jan. 2024	Pemble's Access	Cove Boat Ramp	Glover Park	Animal	Other	Totals
Citations Issued:	0	0	0	0		0
Warnings Issued:	0	0	0	0		0

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

The 2024 park revenue and expenditures from Jan. 24, 2024 through Feb. 27, 2024 as prepared by the Town Clerk, were reviewed. Income: \$156.39. Expenses: \$2,751.30. No data available on impact fees or Citizen's Bank account balance. Member Gruber moved to approve the profit and loss detail report as submitted; second by member Sumner. Member Swanson made a friendly amendment to include that report did not include impact fees or Citizen's Bank account; Supr. Gruber accepted. Motion unanimously carried.

6. Park & Recreation Reports

Cove Boat Ramp:

a. Discuss and consider, activity

Very little activity.

Glover Park:

a. Discuss and consider, activity

It's been consistently busy with the unusually warm winter.

**b. Discuss and consider, purchase of additional dog waste station-
Chair Berke**

Chair Berke priced out a new dog waste station from Belson Outdoors- total cost is \$181.00 (no tax or shipping) and includes 400 bags. This is the same dispenser as the others in the park and will be placed near intersection of Eagle Pass onto Eagle Trail. Supr. Gruber moved to approve buying the dog litter bag dispenser and sign from Belson Outdoors with a quote of \$181.00; second by member Rowekamp. Motion unanimously carried.

c. Discuss and consider, 2024 mowing agreement

The Town Board has decided to bid out the 2024 mowing contract. Bids are due March 14th. The Town has received a bid from Lawn Barber's but no others at this point; outcome will be announced at March Park Board meeting.

General

a. Discuss and consider, update report, Chapter 109, approved Town Board amendments

Chair Berke reviewed the Town Board's approved changes to Chapter 109. Drones will be allowed in all Town parks. No overnight parking was added at Glover Park & Pemble's and additional language on closing Pemble's was added. All other recommended changes were approved. Clerk will update and publish.

b. Discuss and consider, recommendations to Chapter 39 Citation Fees related to parks including Park Ranger input-Supr. Chris Gruber

Supr. Gruber explained that the citation list seems to conflict with itself: the way the ordinance reads; if you do something illegal in a Town park

it's a \$50 or \$100 fine but if you commit the same violation outside of a Town park, the fine is \$300. Ranger Becker discussed the difficulties of ticketing for unleashed dogs; only the vehicle can be ticketed by the Rangers.

A subcommittee will work on reviewing the language. Chair Berke moved to appoint a subcommittee of Supr. Gruber, member Rowekamp, and a Ranger to investigate park-related citation amounts and report back to a meeting in March or April; second by Supr. Gruber. Motion unanimously carried.

7. Correspondence

None to report.

8. Announcements and request for future agenda items

Supr. Gruber sent out an email to ball teams on contract regarding fall ball tournaments and hasn't received a response; to be on March agenda. He's working with member Schneider on this. Also discuss ball team deposits and update to contracts. UW-RF is having an Earth Day festival on April 20th. Chair Berke will communicate with member Schneider about their upcoming expiring terms and then talk to Doug Rowen. Chair Berke passed out a flyer from Carpenter Nature Center on training to become a Master Naturalist (DNR).

9. Adjournment

Member Swanson moved to adjourn the meeting; second by member Gruber. Motion unanimously carried. The February 27th, 2024 meeting of the Town of Troy Park Board adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 26, 2024

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