



**PARK BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

November 26, 2024

7:00 pm, Town Hall, Town of Troy

Members Present: Jill Berke, Mark Swanson, Gary Sumner, Supr. Alicia Schneider (arrived late), Shanna Rowekamp, Adrian Missy

Members Absent: Joe Wusterbarth (excused)

Others Present: Doug Rowen, Town Chairperson

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

No public comment.

3. Approval of minutes, including review and discussion

The October 22nd, 2024, Park Board meeting minutes were reviewed. Member Swanson moved to accept the minutes as presented; second by member Sumner. Motion unanimously carried.

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

The October 2024 Park Ranger report was reviewed. Supr. Schneider is working on evaluating security cameras and retrieval of information at Glover Park. Member Sumner reported that some fallen trees and limbs have been cleared off the trails at Glover. Member Rowekamp moved to approve the October 2024 Park Ranger report; second by member Missy. Motion unanimously carried.

Ranger Enforcement Action Summary:

Oct 2024	Pemle's Access	Cove Boat Ramp	Glover Park	Animal	Other	Totals
Citations Issued:	0	4	0	0		4
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 2024 park revenue and expenditures from January 1, 2024, through Nov. 21, 2024 as prepared by the Town Clerk-Treas. were reviewed. Income: \$11,625.49. Expenses: \$96,085.00. The Park Board would like to see the revenue/expenditure detail. Member Swanson moved to approve the profit and loss detail report as submitted; second by member Rowekamp. Motion unanimously carried.

6. Park & Recreation Reports

Cove Boat Ramp:

a. Discuss and consider, activity

Chair Berke reported activity is slowing. Member Swanson noted that Ranger Mose mentioned that a lot of fishermen are done fishing before the ramp opens at 6:00 a.m. JCE Tree Service will remove the ash trees at a future date.

Glover Park:

a. Discuss and consider, activity level

Chair Berke reported consistent use of the park. Pickle ball players have been bringing their own nets since nets have been stored. Hikers and dog walkers are enjoying the park.

b. Discuss and consider, trail restoration project status report and action by Town Board

Chair Berke reported that the Town Board appointed Supervisors Schneider and Knapp to contact Hunter Rust, Trail Source to see if he's interested in the project for next year at the quoted amount of \$20,790. Supr. Schneider spoke with Hunter on Friday; he will complete the proposal details as requested and get a revised bid to her; she will review with Supr. Knapp. They can sign off on it as long as it meets the bid specs. Timing on the project is to be determined.

c. Discuss and consider, draft plan to eradicate or prevent invasive species-Gary Sumner

Member Sumner's draft plan to eradicate buckthorn, amur maple, burdock, and garlic mustard was reviewed. Buckthorn is the largest problem; he likes the current spraying program but would like to have the St. Croix Correctional Center crew come in during early spring to follow up and pull the smaller plants. Garlic mustard pulls easily in May-June; if pulled consistently it should be gone in five years. Main infestation is at the entrance to the park with some other small areas.

Burdock control is done by cutting the seed stalks in late Aug.-Oct.; member Sumner cut a bunch today that needs to be picked up for disposal. Amur maple spreads quickly, there is a main stand of these on the southern Eagle Trail and north of Eagle Trail. Dan Cain, with Habitat for Creation has done some work on this. Can be cut any time of year and can go into a brush pile. There is also some prickly ash to keep an eye on. Member Sumner put together a calendar showing when to work

on which plants. Park Board members agreed to continue work on the invasives eradication plan next year. Chair Berke thanked those who have volunteered toward this effort.

d. Discuss and consider, trail marking project completion-Gary Sumner

Member Sumner reported the posts are in and the markers are up. A few nails are left in trees because the heads came off when he was trying to remove them; holes have been pasted to prevent any damage. Chair Berke and member Rowekamp said posts and markers look great and are a huge improvement. Chair Berke thanked members Swanson and Sumner, and resident volunteer Dennis Berke for their work on this project. Member Missy suggested marking the trees that still have nails in case they are harvested some day; member Sumner noted he has a map showing them.

e. Discuss and consider, Habitat for Creation plan for treating buckthorn this fall-Chair Berke

Chair Berke reported that Dan Cain, Habitat for Creations is planning to do basal treatment next week on the section on north side and along the fence line on Eagle Trail. Member Sumner mentioned the far south area near Omaha Access needs work; Chair Berke will discuss with Dan Cain. She will ask him to treat any amur maple that he sees.

f. Discuss and consider, repair of Hein East Pavilion shingles/roof

Chair Berke had reported last month on the shingles that need to be replaced on the East Hein Pavilion. Chair Berke reported that the contractor referred by Public Works member Jenson did not follow up with Administrator Jansen. Supr. Enerson referred Greg Tschumper of G&K Handyman Services and he will take a look at it. Chair Berke will coordinate. Could also consider securing the picnic tables so kids stop moving on them to climb up to rip off the shingles.

g. Appoint subcommittee to review park ordinance related to bike use on hiking trails

Ranger Becker has noted the ordinance is unclear on if bikes are allowed on the hiking trails. There are a couple signs prohibiting bikes on the wooded trails. If people come in on bikes on Omaha Access, where can they go? Are electric bikes allowed? Chair Berke, members Missy and Rowekamp to be the subcommittee to do additional study and present at future meeting.

Pemble's Access:

a. Discuss and consider, plan to repair damage on entrance road

The Town's front end loader damaged the edge of the pavement. Public Works will repair, probably next spring.

Bike/Pedestrian Routes

a. Discuss and consider, Town Board action/recommendation for Riverside Bike/Ped Route

Chair Berke reported that the bicycle/pedestrian route the Park Board approved, as recommended by the Bike/Pedestrian subcommittee was tabled at last week's Town Board meeting. The Riverside Route maps out route from the northern end of Glenmont Rd., to Skyline Dr., to Delander Dr., through Troy Village, to S. Cove Rd., to Ahrens Rd., to E. Cove Rd, with option to cross Co. Rd. F, continuing toward Townsvalley Rd. Troy Village HOA President Jill Klanderman met with the subcommittee on July 16 and recommended the route through Troy Village that was considered and approved by the subcommittee in August; and approved at the Aug. 27th Park Board meeting.

Crossing Co. Rd F was a concern as discussed by the Town Board. Subcommittee member Paul McGinnis presented various options related to the Co. Rd. F crossing at the Town Board meeting. Supr. Schneider reported that there were residents of Troy Village who spoke during public comment expressing concern over the route going through their neighborhood, concerned with road width and existing traffic on their roads. At town staff meeting there was discussion with Town Attorney Ron Siler on potential liability issues of crossing Co. Rd. F. Supr. Schneider also reported that there were a few Town Supervisor comments that they would like to see some proposals to have a dedicated bike/ped trail somewhere within the Town using grant money/funding sources/impact fees.

Chair Berke referenced bike/ped projects in town of Hudson and St. Joseph using grants for improving bike and pedestrian access to Eckert Bluffland County Park, Willow River State Park, and the St. Croix River Crossing.

Plan Commission will be looking at future bike routes as part of their work on updating the Comprehensive Plan. Town Chair Doug Rowen made comment, noting the big question the Town has is where do we want bikes to go in the Town and why; there was discussion on safety and liability issues. Also, unless it's a working document, be very careful about plans related to safety and liability issues. Work will continue on this matter.

b. Discuss and consider, other information related to bike/pedestrian routes

There was general discussion on future plans for bike/pedestrian routes.

General:

a. Discuss and consider, 2025 budget approval by Town Board-Supr. Schneider

Chair Berke reported the budget was approved in the amount of \$107,950.00.

b. **Discuss and consider, set 2025 meeting schedule**

Member Swanson moved to approve the 2025 meeting schedule and to continue meeting at 7:00 p.m.; second by member Sumner. Motion unanimously carried.

7. Correspondence

Chair Berke reported on public records request Town Clerk-Treas. received from Mary Grosenick regarding the proposed bike/pedestrian route through Troy Village. Chair Berke will complete the required yearly DNR paperwork for reporting on Glover Park as requested by Deputy Clerk.

8. Announcements and request for future agenda items

Ball team tournament schedule should be ready for January. Supr. Schneider reported that Administrator Ben Jansen has resigned; last day is Dec. 13th. Contact Chair Berke with any agenda items. Park Board does not meet in December.

9. Adjournment

Member Rowekamp moved to adjourn the meeting; second by member Swanson. Motion unanimously carried. The November 26th, 2024 meeting of the Town of Troy Park Board adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: Jan. 28, 2025

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