



**PARK BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

February 25, 2025
7:00 pm, Town Hall, Town of Troy

Members Present: Jill Berke, Mark Swanson, Supr. Alicia Schneider, Shanna Rowekamp, Adrian Missy

Members Absent: Joe Wusterbarth, Gary Sumner (both excused)

Others Present:

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 January 28th, 2025 Park Board meeting minutes were reviewed. Member Swanson moved to accept the minutes as presented; second by member Missy. Motion unanimously carried.

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

The January 2025 Park Ranger report was reviewed. Supr. Schneider met with Rangers today. Many vehicles are using ramp without paying lately. Ranger Mose posted a cardboard sign stating "payment required for use of ramp" and placed at ramp, which seemed to help with compliance. Supr. Schneider suggested that a sandwich board sign should be considered for next winter. To be on future agenda. Member Rowekamp moved to approve the January 2025 Park Ranger report; second by member Missy. Motion unanimously carried.

Ranger Enforcement Action Summary:

Jan 2025	Pemble's Access	Cove Boat Ramp	Glover Park	Animal	Other	Totals
Citations Issued:	0	3	0	0		3
Warnings Issued:	0	0	4	3		7

5. Budget Review of Park Revenue/Expenditures; Expenditures & Funds, January-December 2024; Approval of Invoices

Report was reviewed. Member Swanson asked about the sink repair expense. Chair Berke would like to see a monthly report on paid bills if possible. Member Swanson moved to approve the expenditures as presented from January through December 2024; second by member Missy. Motion unanimously carried.

6. Park & Recreation Reports

Cove Boat Ramp:

a. Discuss and consider, winter activity

Chair Berke reported that JCE Tree Service removed the diseased ash trees and some of the logs. Public Works will check this week for any more debris that washed up. Fair amount of activity with ice fishing.

Glover Park:

a. Discuss and consider, activity

Chair Berke reported consistent use of the park.

b. Discuss and consider, opening date for restrooms and community kitchen

Chair Berke has talked to Clerk's office about opening a week earlier due to the spring election. Chair Berke moved to open the restrooms/kitchen at Glover Park as early as March 20th and up to April 3rd if the outside temperature is appropriate; second by member Rowekamp. Discussion. Motion unanimously carried. Chair Berke will contact Ranger Becker on procedure for opening.

c. Discuss and consider, options for prairie burn

The Prairie Enthusiasts, local organization, provided a contract for review. Can burn prior to April 15 depending on weather conditions, if it gets too warm or wet they'll have to burn earlier. Planning to burn the original native prairie remnant along Eagle Trail across from the north parking lot and the small native planting off Eagle Trail by the NW kiosk. Town Attorney and Town Chair need to review contract. Cost of \$400 is due after the project is completed. Member Missy questioned #6, "Monitoring Burns," in the contract and liability for escape of fire. Chair Berke noted that Park Board members and/or Rangers will need to be on site to help monitor. Chair Berke moved to recommend to the Town Chair and Town Attorney to approve a prescribed burn using The Prairie Enthusiasts with a burn to begin no later than April 15, 2025; second by member Swanson. Motion unanimously carried.

d. Discuss and consider, review weed trimmer types for purchase

Chair Berke presented information on trimmer options based on research she did with local vendors. Member Swanson recommended buying a Stihl brand trimmer. Discussed battery versus gas options. Gas trimmer would be slightly over \$400 including blade & string. Battery trimmers start at \$800. Supr. Schneider will check with Rangers on hand pruner brand they prefer to also be purchased at later date. Chair Berke moved that the Park Board spend up to \$450 for weed trimmer, blade, and string

and other possible accessories; second by member Missy. Motion unanimously carried. Chair Berke will get the best deal between Ace in River Falls and Tri State Bobcat in Hudson.

- e. **Discuss and consider, subcommittee initial report, Bicycle and E-cycle use on trails-Chair Berke, Adrian Missy, Shanna Rowekamp**
Sub committee met before Park Board meeting, and will meet again and have one of the Park Rangers attend for input.
- f. **Discuss and consider, preparation for 2025 ball season, including deposits from ball organizations-Shanna Rowekamp**
Member Rowekamp reported that she reached out to teams, hasn't confirmed if Clerk's office has received either check. Will update next month.

General:

- a. **Discuss and consider, update of 2020-25 Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan-Chair Berke**

Plan is due to be updated this year. Chair Berke reached out to Rob Jones at Cedar Corp. to start the process. Member Missy volunteered for the subcommittee, will wait to fill the other two spots after April election. To be on May agenda. Noted that the 2020-2025 plan included sending out a return card with the town newsletter to all residents for feedback, and that resident input will be important for the next plan.

7. Correspondence

Chair Berke received an email from the lady who wanted a divider fence on the pickleball courts; she let her know the Town decided not to do that due to cost and size of courts. She also got a call from a Red Brick Road resident interested in the Park Board, she invited him to attend meetings.

8. Announcements and request for future agenda items

Member Swanson doesn't have Word, he'd like to receive packets in pdf format. Supr. Schneider will ask April if she can do that. Bikes/E bikes in parks to be on March agenda. Impact fees information to be on future agenda, to be presented by Town Chair. Member Missy working with Chair Berke to gather more about community building security system.

9. Adjournment

Member Rowekamp moved to adjourn the meeting; second by member Swanson. Motion unanimously carried. The February 25th, 2025 meeting of the Town of Troy Park Board adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 25, 2025

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