



PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 25, 2025

7:00 pm, Town Hall, Town of Troy

Members Present: Jill Berke, Mark Swanson, Gary Sumner, Alicia Schneider, Shanna Rowekamp, Adrian Missy

Members Absent: Joe Wusterbarth (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. Chair Berke announced that member Wusterbarth has resigned from the Park Board due to extended family illness.

3. Approval of minutes, including review and discussion

The February 25th, 2025, Park Board meeting minutes were reviewed. Member Swanson moved to accept the minutes as presented; second by member Rowekamp. Motion unanimously carried.

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

The February 2025 Park Ranger report was reviewed. Noted heat was consistent at community/multipurpose building. Ranger Gunderson noted the utility lock at Pemble's was unlocked one day. Member Rowekamp moved to approve the February 2025 Park Ranger report; second by member Berke. Motion unanimously carried.

Ranger Enforcement Action Summary:

Feb 2025	Pemble's Access	Cove Boat Ramp	Glover Park	Animal	Other	Totals
Citations Issued:	0	0	0	0		0
Warnings Issued:	0	1	0	0		1

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

Financial reports were not available for review; Clerk's office is transitioning to new software. Chair Berke noted the Stihl trimmer was purchased for \$399.99 at River Falls Ace Hardware. She negotiated a blade for \$.10 and string for \$5, with 2-year warranty with Motomix purchase.

6. Park & Recreation Reports

Cove Boat Ramp:

a. Discuss and consider, activity

Chair Berke reported limited activity.

b. Discuss and consider, preparation for spring boating season

Chair Berke reported the ice is starting to melt closer to the ramp. Windmill Marina is planning to begin dock installations next week, depending on the ice. Public Works will check if any logs need to be cleared. JCE Tree Service removed the ash trees. There is a directional sign to Boat Ramp down at Ahrens Road; Public Works will re-install.

Glover Park:

a. Discuss and consider, activity

Rangers will install pickleball nets this week, and de-winterize restrooms and community kitchen, with plan to open restrooms next week, depending on Clerk's schedule to set the locks. Chair Berke reported constant activity at the park.

b. Discuss and consider, status of ball team deposits and other ball field related matters-Shanna Rowekamp

Member Rowekamp reported the Town has received deposits from both Hudson and River Falls ball teams.

c. Discuss and consider, update report of prairie burns-Chair Berke

Chair Berke reported that the burning contract with Prairie Enthusiasts will get signed tomorrow before the prairie burn, weather allowing. Dennis Berke is going to bring a large water tank from the town shop as a precaution. Members Berke and Sumner will be on site for the burn with shovels. The Town sent out an email to inform residents of the burn, there will also be a notice posted on the Town website. Chair Berke will contact St. Croix County Dispatch tomorrow to notify them of the burn for which the town has issued a burn permit.

d. Discuss and consider, status of 2025 lawn care contract

Supr. Schneider reported that the Town Board had nine bids to consider for lawn care, and accepted bid from Bubba's All Season Solutions at the March 20 Town Board meeting. Ball fields will get dethatched for no cost. Will mow as needed and amount will not exceed the bid amount; protects the Town if we have heavy rainfall this summer.

e. **Discuss and consider, ideas for increasing park exposure and reservations-Supr. Schneider**

Supr. Schneider is looking for areas we can increase the parks' exposure to Town residents and make them aware of recreational opportunities. Park Board brainstormed several ideas to build awareness of parks and recreation in Troy. There are reservations at Glover Park every weekend this summer, demonstrating public demand. The Town is planning a digital Town newsletter, and if residents prefer they can ask for a mailed copy. The Town has a Facebook page but we have lost access to it and it would be nice to get it restored. Chair Berke can drop off the parks brochure at the Hudson and River Falls Chambers of Commerce. Member Swanson suggested just a one page flyer to get sent out, using bulk mail. Chair Berke would like to see more pictures of Glover Park on the website. Member Missy suggested setting up informational booth during times the ball fields are reserved for. He also suggested a summer event/festival where Town representatives can be present to inform residents of the Town's recreational amenities.

Member Rowekamp suggested a scavenger hunt on the trails, food trucks, baseball games, etc. Member Swanson suggested media exposure as well through local television. Chair Berke noted the Town will be having a dedication for the Enloe family bench this summer at Glover Park and it would be nice to have newspaper coverage on that also promoting the park. The upcoming update to the next 5-year Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan will also ask for resident engagement, noting that postal service mailing was used for the last plan. Supr. Schneider suggested an open house with a food truck, have Hudson Fire Dept. bring out a firetruck, kids' activities, etc. Could roll this into the Enloe park bench dedication. Could advertise this through the school districts also. There are no ball tournaments scheduled this summer by Hudson or River Falls ball teams.

f. **Discuss and consider, update report, use of bicycles in parks-Subcommittee**

Subcommittee will meet next Wed., including Ranger Mose. Will report back at April meeting.

Pemble's Access

a. **Discuss and consider, preparation for May 1 opening-Mark Swanson**

Member Swanson was down there today and reported that everything looks great. There's only one parking sign down. Opening date is May 1 per Town ordinance. JCE Tree service will go down soon to cut ash trees. Public Works will take care of any logs/debris that wash up. Member Swanson noticed almost no debris. Rangers start increasing hours in April.

General

a. **Discuss and consider, set date for park site tour**

Park site tour to be June 2nd at 5:00 p.m. starting at boat ramp.

7. Correspondence

Town Clerk received a request from a Town of Warren resident, requesting information on costs of Troy's pickleball courts. Chair Berke will follow up with information.

8. Announcements and request for future agenda items

Annual meeting is April 15th at 7:00 p.m. Early voting is open this week until Thursday and then Friday 3-5:00. No voting on Monday. At April meeting we'll talk about the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) and invasive species removal. Will also discuss trail restoration project, Supr. Schneider will contact Trail Source to check their schedule for the trail restoration project. Can discuss forestry plan at the park site tour.

9. Adjournment

Member Missy moved to adjourn the meeting; second by member Sumner. Motion unanimously carried. The March 25th, 2025 meeting of the Town of Troy Park Board adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 22, 2025

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