

STILLWATER TOWNSHIP PARK COMMITTEE

July 9, 2012 - Town Hall - 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairperson Rod Hunter, Park Committee Members, Jim Doriott, Michael Ranalla, Bonnie Haines, Lori Meyers and Park Manager Rick Jacobson. Town Board Liaison, Linda Countryman and Deputy Clerk Barbara Riehle.

1. **AGENDA** -M/S/P Ranalla/Doriott moved to adopt the revised agenda to include the following:
 - A. Addition to Other Business - Quarry Avenue Trail - discussion
(5 ayes)
2. **MINUTES** - M/S/P Meyers/Jacobson moved to approve the June 11, 2012 Stillwater Township Park Committee meeting minutes as written. (5 ayes)
3. **PARK & TRAIL CONCERNS**

-Otto Berg-

A.) The committee would like to thank Jim Doriott for the installation of the new grills at the park. They look very nice.

B.) The new plantings of trees are alive and thriving.

C.) There are three Elm trees along with a few other trees in the park that need to be removed. In addition, pine trees on the triangular property across Norell Avenue also need to be removed. It would seem advantageous and cost effective to have them taken care of at once. The Town Board is looking into the contract with Raleigh's to get trees in the park taken care of.

D.) Occasionally individuals are parking past the boulders in the park and are being asked to not do that. So far further enforcement has not been necessary.

E. Dogs are not allowed at the park. This has been addressed on a case by case basis.

(Linda Countryman arrived)

- Arcola Heights -

Assistant Park Manager - All committee members would like to move assertively forward to hire Kelly Shantz. Final details will need to be worked out with the Town Board members at their future board meeting.

A.) Park Manager, Rick Jacobson reported that he has moved the trash cans and the bathroom toward the road driveway. Since the trash is concentrated mostly in one area, it made sense to do that.

B.) Is the prickly ash coming in? The committee members agree that something stronger needs to be used to rid of this evasive shrub.

C.) A couple of members reported that the course grounds are wearing well. Rick Jacobson also stated that we have respectful people using our parks. Jim Doriott reported a recent media statistic regarding disc golf, saying only the state of Texas has more than Minnesota. Minnesota for the record has 175 courses. Our course is a basic course that is easily played.

-Little Carnelian -

Township Police Chief, Steve Nelson has been contacted recently regarding dogs at the park and has addressed those complaints. Park Manager, Rick Jacobson also mentioned that the park is being used a lot. Steve has had to ticket parking violators.

(Bonnie Haines arrived)

4. **OTHER BUSINESS** - *Curtiss Hills Trail and Otchipwe Prairie Trail* need to be sprayed. Curtiss Hills was mowed approximately two weeks ago. It was reported that the budget allowed spraying maintenance 2x/yr. Town Board Liaison Linda Countryman will bring this issue to the next Town Board meeting for review.

Quarry Avenue Trail - Recently Park member Jim Doriott was there and reported that the path is being used by people on horseback. The trail is in rough shape and at the very least needs to be cleaned up and fixed to proper width and remove any hazards. Some discussion from the committee brought forth questions as to “should we look into developing that trail?” “Is it in our comprehensive plan as

a location?" Comments from the members include, " yes, it hooks up to Arcola Trail". "We believe it is a part of our master plan".

The trail is not marked at this time. A sign could be put at the entrance to the trail indicating it as a township trail and that motorized vehicles are not allowed.

The park committee would like to propose to the Town Board to get the path cut to legal height and width. Once complete, member Rod Hunter suggested the committee take a look at it and determine if it would be worth the investment to grade and gravel in the future.

Park Manager, Rick Jacobson suggested a rotate upkeep schedule be made for all trails within the township.

5. **NEW BUSINESS** -

Picnic - Our 5th Annual Township Picnic will be held at Otto Berg Parks Pat Bantli Pavilion on **Sunday, August 19, 2012 (26th - rain date) from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** All township residents are welcome.

Park members discussed having multiple instant shelters available. Residents are encouraged to bring lawn chairs this year so that those interested may position themselves near the band who will be playing from 1:30 pm to 4:00 p.m..

Final food and kids activities were discussed further, assignments were given out to all park members willing to participate. Additionally, "speed ball" has been chosen as a kid's activity. Member Bonnie Haines is looking into a face painter and balloon animals. The banner will be put up 3-4 weeks in advance. A brief discussion was had on whether or not to get t-shirts for committee members identifying them to the community.

Garage Sale - Participation was soft this year, which may be due to the timing of the sale. Deemed a success by Park manager, Rick Jacobson and Deputy Clerk, Barbara Riehle.

Geocaching - Park Manager, Rick Jacobson said he has observed people using them and noted approximate intervals of three weeks.

6. **TOWN BOARD LIAISON REPORT** -
Supervisor Linda Countryman reported on recent Town Board activities.
7. **NEXT MEETING**
The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 13, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
8. **ADJOURNMENT**
M/S/P- Haines/Doriott moved to adjourn (6 ayes).
The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by: Deputy Clerk, Barbara Riehle