

STILLWATER TOWNSHIP PARK COMMITTEE

August 11, 2008

Town Hall

7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Chairperson Michael Ranalla, Park Committee Members Matt Beane, Bonnie Haines, Jeanne Hamm, Rod Hunter, Rick Jacobson, Barbara Riehle and Town Board Liaison Jim Hiniker.

1. AGENDA – M/S/P Riehle/Hunter moved to adopt the agenda as written. (4 ayes)
2. MINUTES – M/S/P Hunter/Riehle moved to approve the 7/14/08 Stillwater Township Park Committee Meeting minutes as written. (4 ayes)

(Bonnie Haines arrived.)

3. TOWNSHIP PICNIC – Final discussion for the August 24 Township picnic was discussed:

- Barbara Riehle will book a face painter for three hours at \$50.00 an hour.
- The “Just Jump” is arranged.
- The canine unit will be there at 12:00.
- Barbara Riehle will confirm with the fire department.
- Matt Beane and Michael Ranalla will get the food.
- David Johnson will be asked to provide his grill. Do we need charcoal?

(Matt Beane arrived.)

- Rod Hunter will bring a volley ball in case anyone wants to play.
- Bonnie Haines will provide a tank for water, pop, ice.

(Jeanne Hamm arrived.)

- Jeanne Hamm had talked to River Market and they will set up a booth and perhaps offer some food samples.
- Rod Hunter will order signs to set up on each side of the park.

4. PARKLAND ACQUISITION – Rod Hunter had suggested looking at acquiring park land before a development takes place. Inducements could be for the landowner not to lose any development rights with the remaining property and Jim Hiniker suggested that the park could be named after the landowner. The township attorney is looking into the legal issues involved. We would probably need a minimum parcel of 50 acres to get a minimum park size of 7 acres.

Jeanne Hamm pointed out that the outlots in Otcipwe Trails have gone tax forfeited and that land may be available to the Township. The Town Board will be meeting with the homeowners in that development to discuss their options.

More discussion of this issue at the next meeting.

5. WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER – Nothing to add.

6. NEW BUSINESS – The Farmers’ Market was discussed. Barbara Riehle suggested the Minnesota Growers Association website as a way to advertise.
7. TOWN BOARD LIAISON REPORT – The climber net in Otto Berg Park is rough and should be replaced. Rick Jacobson will check with St. Croix Recreation to get a price. Also, the end of the slide is positioned too high for young children. Jim Hiniker reported on other Town Board activities.
8. ADJOURNMENT – M/S/P Hunter/Beane moved to adjourn the meeting. (7 ayes)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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