

STILLWATER TOWNSHIP PARK COMMITTEE

August 8, 2016 –Town Hall – 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Chairperson Bonnie Haines, Park Committee Members Michael Ranalla, Kelley Shantz, Vanessa Barvels and Lori Meyers. Town Board Supervisor Liaison Linda Countryman, Park Manager Jackie Garofalo and Deputy Clerk Barbara Riehle.

REGULAR MEETING

1. **AGENDA** – M/S/P Shantz/Barvels moved to adopt the agenda as written.
(4 ayes)
2. **MINUTES** – M/S/P Shantz/Barvels moved to approve the 07/11/16 meeting minutes as written. (4 ayes)
3. **PARK & TRAIL CONCERNS**
 - Otto Berg**
 - Water Testing – Park Manager Jackie Garofalo reported the findings. The results were all good. Drinking water is safe.
 - Small Tree- Park Member Lori Meyers planted a Memorial tree (a Kentucky Coffee Tree, shade tree) recently behind the bench near the playground.
 - Tree trimming – STS recently trimmed trees at the park.
 - Bench – Park members will consider refinishing the existing bench or look into replacement.
 - Landscape –There was a discussion about “Pollinator Friendly” landscape ideas. See “New Business” for further information.
 - Little Carnelian**
 - Sign – Park Manager Jackie Garofalo had Schifsky’s remove the beach sign. She will be remounting it.
 - Garbage Removal access -Park Manager Jackie Garofalo reported that the garbage removal guys are having trouble getting their trucks in for removal. They are looking for a solution.
 - Activity level- The Park is busy and the parking spots are full.
 - Recycling- Another bin has been ordered.
 - Fence – There was a request from a neighbor for some sort of fencing. Park Members discussed whether this would be a consideration.

Arcola Heights

- **Weeds** – Park Member Bonnie Haines was concerned that the sign at the entrance to the park was overgrown with weeds. Assistant Park Manager Kelley Shantz will check with Valley Green if this is something he cannot take care of himself.
- **Dead Tree**- Park Member Bonnie Haines reported a dead tree at the entrance – she will bring this issue to the Town Board. STS cut in the spring.

Otchipwe Prairie Trail – NO REPORT**Curtiss Hills Trail** – NO REPORT

Quarry Avenue Trail – Park Manager Jackie Garofalo and Park Member Lori Meyers walked the trail recently. It is in great shape.

(Lori Meyers arrived)

4. **NEW BUSINESS**➤ **Other Community Events**

- August 25th Boom Site Ribbon Cutting
- August 20th – Washington County North Shop 11AM-3PM
- September 11th – Pollinator Friendly Recognition 12PM-6PM

- **Pollinator Friendly Landscape Discussion** – On Sunday, September 11, 2016 Stillwater Township will be recognized for taking the Pollinator Pledge at a scheduled event from 12PM-6PM. More information can be found and tickets can be purchased from the following website: www.pollinator.BPT.ME

Potential site identified – The north side of the town hall has been identified as a favorable location to plant a pollinator habitat.

Town Board Liaison Linda Countryman presented some ideas through viewing videos and pictures online. Many habitat ideas were discussed. The Park Committee would likely work cooperatively with the Pollinator Friendly Alliance and vendors such as Landscape Alternatives.

Eagle Scouts – The Park Committee actively seek any scout looking for a viable project such as the Pollinator Friendly landscape.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

- ✓ **Picnic Planning**- Final planning items were discussed.

- Tables/chairs needed
- 11AM set up
- Freezer for ice cream – Lori Meyers
- Arrange grill/corn cooker pick up from Dave Johnson – Kelley Shantz

- T-shirts – black print on grey – Lori Meyers will check in with Megan Meyers at Stillwater Printing
- 3 gallons ice cream and cups – Frank/Linda Countryman
- Root beer and spoons – Michael Ranalla
- Musician – plywood provided by Bonnie Haines
- Guess “How Many” game – for Disc Golf giveaway – Lori Meyers
- Email blast and website update – Bob Ranalla/Deputy Clerk Barbara Riehle

✓ Comprehensive Plan – The process will begin in September.

6. **TOWN BOARD LIAISON REPORT** – Supervisor Linda Countryman reported.
7. **PARK MANAGER REPORT** –Park Manager Jackie Garofalo reported.
8. **NEXT MEETING** – September 12, 2016.
9. **ADJOURNMENT** –The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM. M/S/P Shantz/Ranalla (5ayes)

Submitted by: Deputy Clerk Barbara Riehle