

## STILLWATER TOWNSHIP PARK COMMITTEE

November 10, 2008

Town Hall

7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Chairperson Matthew Beane, Park Committee Members Bonnie Haines, Jeanne Hamm, Rick Jacobson and Barbara Riehle and Town Board Liaison Jim Doriott.

1. AGENDA – M/S/P Riehle/Hamm moved to adopt the agenda as written. (5 ayes)
2. MINUTES – M/S/P Riehle/Hamm moved to approve the September 8, 2008 Stillwater Township Park Committee meeting minutes as written. (5 ayes)
3. AXDAHL PARK DEDICATION – Jim Doriott explained that the Axdahls are proposing to dedicate this parcel of land in lieu of cash for their Arcola Bluffs development. The park dedication fee due is \$47,750 and this land is appraised at about \$64,000. It is just less than 3 acres.

There was discussion of the pros and cons of this parcel. There is no existing park in this area. Can it be linked to the proposed trail system? This is not far from the National Park Service. There is a trail dedicated within the Arcola Bluffs development. A lot of people walk or ride horses along Arcola. This could be a rest area. Concerns are that this is along a narrow road and the possibility of increased traffic for neighbors. This does not need to be an active park. Larry Axdahl was present and he felt that the neighbors would be in favor of this and suggested that neighbors be involved when this park would ever be developed. A passive park is within our goals and policies in the new Comprehensive Plan and will add to the greenway corridor and this parcel meets many of the criteria for a passive park.

M/S/P Hamm/Haines moved to recommend that the Town Board take this parcel of land in lieu of cash for the Arcola Bluffs park dedication. (5 ayes)

There was discussion of the possibility of the Township leasing this property back to the Axdahls to be farmed until we decide what to do with it.

4. PARK AND TRAIL CONCERNS –
  - Otto Berg Park activity is winding down for the year.
  - Farmers' Market – Rick Jacobson reported that he has had two people express an interest in participating so far. A meeting will be set up in the spring.
5. NEXT MEETING – The next Park Committee meeting will be in March 2009 unless something comes up before that.
6. NEW BUSINESS –
  - Claim forms were distributed.
  - There was discussion of getting Rick Jacobson a "Park Manager" sign for his ATV for his Otto Berg Park patrols.

7. WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER – The next committee meeting is November 20, 2008.
8. TOWN BOARD LIAISON REPORT – Jim Doriott reported on recent Town Board activities.
9. ADJOURNMENT – M/S/P Riehle/Jacobson moved to adjourn the meeting. (5 ayes)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by:     Kathy Schmoeckel  
                          Park Committee Clerk