

Parks and Recreation Committee

Minutes

Thursday November 7, 2018

Owen Public Library

Called to order at 7:00 pm. By Chairman Wilczek

Roll call: Bob Wilczek, Rocky Lehr, Lonnie Kroeplin and Tim Swiggum.

Absent were Charlie Milliren, Rick Nelson and Mike Renderman.

Others present. Kris Karaba, Cathy Laube, Ben Esker, Harold Laube, Art Feldman, Carol Devine and Kitara Mills, The Sentinel and Rural News.

Crowley Park:

The joint meeting of these groups was to discuss the potential uses of proposed donations from the Owen Public Housing and the William Maki Foundation. The idea began when the OPH sold the Maple Manor and Sunshine Apartments. Being a non-profit they are required to donate their proceeds to other non profits in order to retire the OPH status as a non-profit. Parks and Recreation had previously been in discussions with the William Maki Foundation concerning the creation of a Dog Park in honor of Will Maki. During discussions with the OPH, it was asked what projects are out there to donate to. The Parks and Recreation plans and future potential of Crowley Park was discussed and the plan moved forward. Tim Swiggum had put together a short idea sheet that was discussed at the OPH meeting. It was decided to bring all the groups together for discussion.

The plan presented consisted of:

Shower House at Campground at an estimated cost of \$60,000-\$80,000

Dog Park improvements of \$10,000

Tennis Shoe Hill property purchase from the FOS. \$12,000-15,000

Ballfield renovations \$6,000

Playground Equipment \$12,000-20,000

Grand total of projects discussed comes to \$100,000 - \$131,000

Proposed funding Sources:

Owen Public Housing \$80,000

William Maki Foundation \$40,000

Owen Parks and Recreation \$10,000

Naming rights and memorial donations were a large part of the discussion and the idea blossomed into a much larger one before we knew it.

Important concerns noted:

Handicapped accessibility is necessary.

Others should be memorialized as well with memorial gifts.

Children and youth should be honored specifically.

Baseball Field should have committed programs that youth will utilize.

Owen-Withee Schools must be brought on board and committed to see this through.

Must be a place the Maki family will feel blessed and encouraged to visit often. Peaceful and memorable.

Naming rights for others needs to be worked into the plan to encourage donations.

Next Meeting: It was decided to meet on **December 6, 2018, at 6pm at the O-W Firehall.**

Adjourn: Wilczek adjourned the meeting at 9:10

Submitted by
Tim Swiggum