

Parks and Recreation Committee
Minutes
April 5, 2017
Owen City Hall

Called to order at 6:00 pm.

Roll call: Denny Lulloff, Lonnie Kroeplin, Mike Renderman, Bob Wilczek, Rick Nelson, Charlie Milliren and Kelly Knight.

Also present was Mary Ellen Hughes, Rocky Lehr, Owen Junior Fair Board, and Tim Swiggum, CDC, who served as Secretary

Minutes: Motion by Knight, second by Milliren to approve the minutes from November 2, 2016, passed unanimously.

Horseshoe Pits:

There is still a fire hydrant planned for the general area, location needs to be decided and likely will be on the west end but cannot be too close to the buildings. All of the issues had already been approved and it is the committees wish that the pits would be constructed this Spring.

Millpond Park:

The grills in the open pavilion are rusting out and need to be replaced. Discussion was held on whether to repair or replace them. A Knight motion and Renderman second to repair or replace the grills passed unanimously.

Kitchen update:

A budget of \$3,000 from the Parks and Recreation budget was previously approved by the committee and the council. Rocky Lehr was present to discuss what needs done and how the Fair Board would like to proceed. To do it right will likely cost quite a bit more and putting band-aids on everything will likely cost more in the long run. A Knight motion, seconded by Wilczek to recommend to the council an increase of \$7,000 to the budget bringing it to \$10,000 for kitchen updates passed unanimously.

Walking Trail Maintenance:

Renderman had recently walked the trail to see how it is holding up. The bridge by the warming hut has heaved considerably and needs to be repaired as it is a tripping hazard. The west end of the trail from the Millpond Bridge to Lehnen St. needs some gravel as it is very low and wet. Discussion was held on whether to pursue a trail grant through the DNR was discussed. The project this time would involve the paving of the following areas; Millpond bridge to Lehnen St., from Madsen St. to the alley behind the Dollar General, Aerator building to the east side of the Millpond bridge and also behind the Old School. Someone will need to discuss the last section with the F.O.S. A Wilczek motion and Knight second to have Tim Swiggum work up a basic plan and grant application for the purpose of blacktopping the remaining trail areas passed unanimously.

Goose Control:

Discussion was limited to egg oiling as the committee was not happy with the round up held last year. A Wilczek motion and Knight second to approve permanent permission to apply for the egg oiling permits annually by the DPW and City Clerk's office and to end the goose hunts permanently as the trail is in close proximity passed unanimously.

Crowley Park and Campground:

Discussion on the needs and wishes for the campground was held. The area will need a major cleanup and the Community Service day to be held in May would be a good time for a crew from the school to work on that in conjunction with public works. Someday it would be great to construct a new restroom with shower facilities and a shelter house of some sort. Tim will check out what grants may be available and report back to the committee. No action taken at this time.

Picnic Tables for Crowley Park:

The Owen-Withee Lions Club has donated 6 new picnic tables for the campground. The committee is very thankful for their generous donation and commitment to the quality of our local parks.

Outdoor Recreation Plan:

A short discussion was held concerning the plan and we have submitted all items discussed and they are included in the county plan.

Any other Business: Denny Lulloff informed the committee that he will be stepping down as Chairman of the committee. The committee thanked him for the good job he has done over the years.

Parks and Recreation Committee will meet again on **April 19th at 6 pm at City Hall.**

Adjourn: A Milliren motion and Knight second to adjourn at 7:15pm passed unanimously.

Submitted by
Tim Swiggum