

## **Parks and Recreation Committee**

### **Minutes**

Wednesday, July 22, 2020

7pm. at Owen Public Library

Called to order at 7:02 pm. By Chairman Wilczek

Roll call: Bob Wilczek, Rocky Lehr, Joan Jalling, Tim Swiggum and Charlie Milliren. Absent were Rick Nelson and Lonnie Kroeplin

Others present: Lester Brubaker, Cindy Cardinal, O-W Enterprise

Minutes were not on the agenda and will be approved at the next meeting.

### **Park Improvement Schedule 2020:**

Lester updated the committee regarding the finishing touches on the bathroom and shower facility. The ring for the toilet in one bathroom and the new doors are not installed yet. The final price for the bath/shower is \$48,119.50 with \$15,694.53 paid in advance for materials leaving a final balance of \$32,424.97.

Discussion was held regarding the pavilion in the campground. The slab is 22x38 and the estimated cost for lifting and leveling the slab and building an open air pavilion came to \$11,333.49 which is below the minimum required to put out for bids. A Milliren/Jalling motion and second to approve funding for the pavilion and hire Brubaker Construction to complete the project passed unanimously.

### **Crowley Park/Campground:**

Discussion was held regarding the costs of mosquito control in the campground and possibly along the trail as well. This should be looked into and budgeted for 2021.

One of the light poles fell down in the recent storm that took down many trees. Discussion was held concerning the future of the poles and whether they should be removed. A Jalling/Lehr motion/second to have the poles inspected and removed if necessary due to unsafe conditions passed unanimously.

**Millpond Pavilion:** The ceiling in the band pavilion is still in need of some type of deterrent for the birds that want to nest up there and poop on everything. The open-air pavilion ceiling is really nice but more costly. The main goal is to keep the birds from nesting. Lester suggested bird-wire which is a little smaller than chicken wire and would keep all but the smallest birds out. Wilczek said he will look into the costs and bring it back to the next meeting. The Will Maki Foundation is planning to landscape and install a bench on the outcropping of the Millpond near the warming hut, a retaining wall is in the plan as it does flood there occasionally. It was also mentioned that a boat landing in that area was suggested by Chad Smith and could double as a dry hydrant for the O-W-C Fire Department. It is an idea worth looking into.

### **Playground Equipment:**

The swingset is here and we will need to decide where to install the playground. Discussion was held on various locations near and inside the campground. The diggers have not been ordered yet as the builder wanted some assurances regarding liability. Swiggum will check with the insurance company.

A Jalling/Lehr motion/second to order the diggers once approval is made from the insurance company passed unanimously.

A Jalling/Swiggum motion and second to locate the playground in the area of right field, between the "y" in the road around the campground and the light pole in right field and use a sand base under the swingset passed unanimously.

**Dog Park:** The dog park was the final thing on the to do list from the Owen Public Housing donation. The estimated costs were \$10,000-12,000 installed and the budget remaining from the donation is approximately \$14,300. A Jalling/Milliren motion and second to spend the remaining funds on the fencing of the dog park and supplies/equipment/signage to get it all set up passed unanimously.

**Future Agenda items:** Boat launch, bandstand ceiling, mosquito control, light poles

**Next Meeting:** TBD.

**Adjourn:** Wilczek adjourned the meeting at 8:01

Submitted by

Tim Swiggum