



## **Parks Committee Meeting Minutes December 28, 2011**

Meeting was called to order at 6:48 p.m.

### Roll Call

Jim Lovejoy, Bonnie Gordon, Sue Cox, Kathy Rhoads and Richard Barbera

### Approval of Minutes

Sue Cox made a motion to approve the minutes of November 30, 2011, and the motion was seconded by Kathy Rhoads. Four Aye votes and Richard Barbera abstained. The minutes were approved as written.

### Parks & Streets Commissioner's Report

Jon Sobczak's report is attached. Mr. Barbera asked about the flag at this building. Jon Sobczak reported the flag ripped in two and the nylon rope that runs in the interior of the pole had broke. The pole is a Hinge Pole and needs to be professionally repaired. Kathy asked that Jon get some estimates to repair it and possibly other pole options. A sign will be posted.

### Privilege of the Floor

Barbara Schwartz asked about the Park Rules Signs that were to be posted. Jon Sobczak reported that the company he normally works with Savvy Signs, in Akron, had privatized. Jon had contacted two companics and had not heard back. This will be added to next month's agenda.

A gentleman asked about getting the weeds cut by the trail at Chippewa Creek. We were informed The Watershed takes care of it. Bonnie Gordon and Jon Sobczak had walked through with Jeff Van Loon and were informed that the closer you mow the more problems with erosion and the bank will cave in. Three foot off the trail is the maximum that can be mowed. It was discussed and Jon will see if he can lop the top of the weeds down.

It was mentioned that we could possibly use the Career Center for sign options.

### New Business

None

### Old Business:

There were some questions that come up at Finance including the hours, repair estimates, and safety of the old gator. A concern for liability was a concern. It was recommended to not go on public record indicating we are not operating under unsafe conditions. It was discussed that the risk was mitigated to the best of our ability at this time and to be better moving forward. The matter is closed.

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It was also questioned if the gator is used for the Parks and Streets? Jon Sobczak said that is at the discretion of the individual that is actually performing the work. It has more uses than the previous vehicles. The gator is able to plow the trail and parking lots and little tight areas. Rick Stallard asked about the gator being marked for safety. Jon reported when purchased it came with a whalen strobe light and it is safety orange with working lights and taillights.

Motion by Kathy Rhoads to adjourn the meeting, Richard Barbera seconded. Aye votes all. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Barbara Schwartz* - acting chair January 2012  
meeting  
Jim Lovejoy  
Parks Committee Chairman

## December parks report 2011

**We've removed all of the flags & most of the trash barrels from our parks and put them away into storage until next spring.**

**All of the picnic tables have been placed on end in the center of the pavilions, bound together with cable & clamp for the winter months with the exception of those taken back to the shop that are in need of repair and those that are left at Leohr park for the sled riders use.**

**We salted some of the parks sidewalks along with the library and certain areas of the trail due to the weather.**

**In light of the past two winter seasons stakes have been placed along the entire trail system, these are used as a (trail guide) after several inches of "new snow fall" recognizing the trail becomes difficult when plowing.**

**This past month has been spent on maintenance of equipment and park benches.**

**Respectfully Submitted by  
Jon Sobczak**