

Parks Committee Meeting Minutes – January 26, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M.

Attending:

Sue Cox
Jim Lovejoy
Kathy Rhoads
Bonnie Gordon
Roger Kilgore

There were no minutes from the December meeting to approve.

The first item of business was the Superintendent's report. The report was read by Jon Sobczak. A copy is attached to these minutes and made a part thereof. Jon commented on Item No. 3 Re: the removal of the flag from the Gary Eicheler Memorial. He indicated the lighting was poor – that there was power across the road and Kevin was going to drop a line so that it could be well lit.

Following Jon's report Dave Wyatt gave the maintenance report for both Parks and Streets. That report is also made a part of these minutes.

Privilege of the floor. None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A comment was made that the swans were expected back in May. Bonnie Gordon brought up the subject of the Easter Egg Hunt. She indicated that Velvet Eby would be getting the special event permit. She apparently had been to Village Hall and no one seemed to have a copy of the permit. Kathy stated she should be able to get it on line. A discuss ensued relative to where the permits should be available, what constituted a special event that would require a permit, etc. Bonnie and Ivan (name) had a lengthy discussion relative to issuance of the permits and what events were required to obtain permits. Barb Swartz questioned from the floor as to whether or not Bonnie Gordon had worked on the permit form when she was on Council. She indicated she had.

The next item was a discussion relative to the Rules & Regulations which are being worked on to post at all parks. Many items were discussed such as posting open and close times on the signs, whether pets should be leashed, the Ordinance No. in small print on the sign so that violators could acquire the ordinance to be made aware of penalties for breaking the rules., etc. There had been some suggestions as to what might be put on the signs at the November, 2010 meeting and is part of those minutes. There was a discussion relative to the carrying of weapons and the Committee was informed that weapons could be carried in the parks. At this point, Sandy Bridenthal, 35 High Street, from the floor, suggested the Rules & Regulations should be prefaced with something a little kind and gentle such as "Welcome to Our Parks" Barb questioned whether the

ordinance actually called for penalties and Bonnie read the enforcement portion of the ordinance. Jon indicated that what he was looking at were green signs with white lettering. It was determined that he would do a mark-up and bring back to the committee at the next meeting prior to any money being spent on the signs. The consensus of everyone was that the signage be uniform for all parks in the village. A discussion was held relative to animal waste in the parks. Chris Perry had brought up in the past the possibility of putting bags in various locations in the parks. Jon had looked into the cost of doing this and found it would be very expensive. Jon also discussed the theft of the liners from the trash receptacles which are very expensive to replace. They now use 5-gallon buckets to go into the receptacles.

A brief discussion was held relative to the Eagle Scout project in Memorial Park. Pictures need to be obtained for publicity in the local newspapers. It was agreed that further discussion would take place at the February meeting. A dedication ceremony was discussed and it was agreed that one would take place sometime in late spring or summer. Part of the discussion centered on the verbiage that would be placed on the sign at Memorial. A suggestion was "TO ALL THOSE THAT SERVED". Jon indicated that the total project would take approximately one year to complete.

NEW BUSINESS

A discussion was held relative to the planters at the library and Stanhope. Kathy will check to see if the Girl Scouts will once again plant and maintain the planters. There is also a possibility that a Boy Scout troop will participate. It was brought up that donations will be needed to purchase the flowers. The library is planning to build a porch on the back end of the library. The creek will need a thorough cleaning prior to use of this porch. That prompted a discussion as to whether or not a village-wide clean up might be planned. Kathy stated that eight crew leaders would be needed to organize a project this big. A suggestion was made to contact the Medina County Extension Office to see whether or not some 4-H Clubs in the area might be interested in taking on a project such as this.

Jim Lovejoy brought up the fact that the Chamber Office is moving out of the building by the railroad tracks. He wondered whether the house had any historical value. Discussion followed as to possible uses of the building. He asked for suggestions from everyone relative to the historical value and possible uses.

Motion to adjourn by Bonnie Gordon

Second by Kathy Rhoads.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

An audio tape of this meeting is available at Village Hall.

DECEMBER MAINTENANCE REPORT
FOR 2010
STREETS AND PARKS DEPT.

Bought three strobe lights, one for the john deer gator, one for the backhoe, and one for the skidsteer loader, cost \$180.00 for all three lights.

Service the street dept. F550 ford dump truck estimated cost \$139.00

Service The 4900 INT. dump truck, for street dept. the low air pressure switch went bad, replaced it with a new one, and the ignition switch, pigtail shorted out, replaced them a long with a fuseholder, also replaced a Hydraulic coupling, put a new mushroom shoe assembly, and a mushroom shoe, cutting blade on the plow total cost \$1096.72 for all the parts.

Service the street dept. F150 ford pickup truck, cost \$27.00

The case 1845C loader, did a oil changed service on it and wired up a power

unit for the strobe light, estimated cost
\$78.44

The parks truck, F250 Ford, did a oil
change service on it, cost \$26.31

The john deer gator, I wired up a
power unit for the new strobe light estimated
cost \$20.00

Respectfully submitted by
Dave Wyatt

DECEMBER PARKS REPORT

- 1. We've completed aerating the parks this past month, we still have enough fertilizer left to complete all parks this coming spring.**
- 2. We've finished all leaf clean up in our parks and trail system for the 2010-year.**
- 3. We've completed removing all picnic tables from all parks including the park benches at Stan Hope Park with the exception of Lehor Park for the sled rider's use.**
- 4. We've excavated a site at Memorial Park for the new flagpole and pavers to be put in also taking out a small wind damaged tree.**
- 5. We've plowed all trails; shoveled all sidewalks salting them as needed.**
- 6. We've plowed all parks parking lots and salted as necessary.**
- 7. We've removed most of the worn and torn flags from the parks, we will replace these flags with new ones this coming spring.**
- 8. All bills have been paid for the parks dept.**

**Respectfully submitted by
Jon sobczak**