

Minutes of the July 14, 2016 Twin Oaks Park Committee Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Roll Call

Committee members present – Cindy Slama, Chairperson, Connie Fortune, Janet Herbold, Cortney Kelley and Mary Lou Knox, John Williams

Approval of Agenda

Mary Lou moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Connie. Approved 5 - 0

John's Report

John indicated he had requested a written proposal from Jason for the sidewalks from the bridge located between the comfort station and the playground. To date it had not been received.

With regard to repairs to the triple inlet, John was going to again make repairs to it until a more permanent solution to the problem could be determined.

John recommended that the spare bench that is positioned by the volleyball court be set in concrete. After some discussion, the Committee Members were not certain they wanted it permanently placed there. There was no consensus on an alternative location so the members decided to revisit this topic at a later meeting.

John investigated various types of gates for installation at the Autumn Leaf entrance to the park and the cost involved. He was going to seek additional information.

Review of the 2016 Budget to Date

The Committee Members reviewed the expenditures to date.

Budget for 2017

Possible items to be considered for the 2017 budget were as follows:

- new Autumn Leaf gate including repair or replacement of fence posts near gate
- new bridge over lake
- landscaping of northeast woods/park
- dog park
- community garden
- small water feature by playground

Chairman's Report

Cindy said Kathy was attempting to set a meeting with Northern Lights to get an estimate for winter lighting in the park. Once that meeting is set Cindy will notify all Committee Members so they may attend the meeting, if they wish to do so. She suggested the Committee Members tour the park together to determine where the lights might be placed.

Village staff is sending out bids for pickle ball stripping the week of July 18.

In an effort to deter the geese, the grass around the lake is being allowed to grow.

Cindy distributed to the Committee Members the park regulations and the responsibilities of the Committee and asked all members to review this information.

Events

The Committee Members discussed the July 9th concert and fireworks. All members thought the fireworks display was outstanding, possibly the best the Village has ever had. The Committee Members acknowledged the excellent job John did in preparing the park for the event and cleaning up afterwards. His hard work was key to ensuring the success of the event. Additionally, the Committee expressed their gratitude for all the hard work Kathy, Theresa and Officer Maxwell did especially in communicating the cancellation of the July 2nd event due to inclement weather and making arrangements for the alternate event date.

Cortney made a few suggestions to be considered for next year's July fireworks event. They were: more patriotic music during the fireworks; fan misters and extra trash cans on the rose garden side of the park. Additionally, she was wondering how many items the ice cream vendor sold and how much money they made. The Village staff is going to contact the vendor to obtain this information.

Mary Lou led a discussion on the September 17 Family Fun Day. She has arranged for three bounce houses and Christian the Magician. Mary Lou also talked with Circus Kaput about providing face painting and a balloon artist. The Committee Members thought using them was a good idea so she was going to finalize that arrangement. Food to be provided would include hot dogs, brats, potato chips and juice boxes. Mary Lou was going to contact Papa John's about providing pizza as well. It was suggested the Committee provide slushies and popcorn.

New Business

Cindy suggested the Committee develop a tree plan for memorials and Arbor Day. There was also a discussion about planting burning bushes and sea oats in the park due to their invasive nature.

Connie moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. seconded by Cortney – approved 5 – 0.

APPROVED THIS 18th DAY OF August, 2016

Cindy Slama

Cindy Slama, Chairperson

Connie Fortune

Connie Fortune, Secretary