

Minutes of the November 10, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

Roll Call

Committee members present – Cindy Slama, Chairperson, Carol Boughman, Connie Fortune Janet Herbold, Cortney Kelley and John Williams

Approval of Agenda

Connie moved to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Carol – Approved 5 – 0

Approval of October 13, 2016 Minutes

Carol moved to approve the October minutes as written, seconded by Janet – Approved 5 – 0

Presentation by Mary Deweese

Mary presented her proposed landscaping plan for certain areas in the park – between the lake and sidewalk and the by the women's side of the comfort station. She reviewed with the Committee the existing plantings, the areas that are overgrown and the areas where the plantings are not right for the conditions of their location. Cindy recommended the PC members take time to review Mary's proposal and the Committee would discuss it at their next meeting.

John's Report

John met with a certified goose chaser and suggested the Committee hire him to help resolve the geese problem in the park.

John stated that the gates for Herzog Lane and the Autumn Leaf entrance have been ordered.

Budgets

The PC members reviewed the 2016 expenditures to date.

Cindy updated the Committee members on the 2017 park budget proposed to the Board of Trustees. The landscaping budget was changed from \$41,000 to \$10,000 because the money proposed to landscape the north woods and resolving some erosion problems was being covered in the Board's budget.

With regard to capital projects, the budget was reduced to \$17,000 from \$45,000 because the proposed repair of the triple inlet (tuck pointing) was going to be significantly less than other repair options.

The budget for a possible community garden is not going to be part of the park budget. The Board was going to budget \$5,000 for this potential project.

Bands for 2017

Various bands were discussed for the concerts in June, July and August. It was suggested that we use a DJ for one of the concerts. Four Committee members were in favor of using a DJ for one of the concerts and one member preferred all live bands. Cindy asked the PC members to be prepared to suggest and vote on bands at the next meeting.

New Park Area

Cindy said she understands there is land near the condominiums that was given to the VOTO many years ago. The office is looking for documentation to substantiate that but had not yet found anything. It was suggested that this area would make a good dog park. Cindy asked if the PC members would like to pursue using this land as a dog park. All members indicated they would like to do so. It was suggested that this be discussed with the Condominium Board.

Planning Grant for Trails

Janet made a motion to start the process of applying for a recreational trails grant through the Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks, seconded by Cortney -Approved 5 – 0

Park Newsletter

All the PC members were in favor of producing a quarterly newsletter announcing concerts, special events like an eclipse event, a possible community garden, updates on work being done in the park, etc.

Winter Lighting

The Committee received a quote for winter lighting of approximately \$1,000. Janet mentioned she had a discussion with Officer Maxwell regarding winter lighting and he expressed concern regarding liability such as making sure the paths were clear in event of snow or ice and extra security at night. Cortney moved to ask the City attorney and Board their thoughts on liability seconded by Carol. Approved 5 - 0

Landscaping

Cindy suggested planting the banana plant alternating years to satisfy residents that want it and those who do not. Janet so moved, seconded by Carol. Approved 5 – 0

The Committee is considering the purchase of hibiscus for the playground island.

Resident/Non-resident Reservations/Fees (refundable)

After discussion by the Committee members, Cortney moved to take reservations for the park pavilion from residents only and charge a fee of \$100 (\$200 if there is alcohol served) which will be refunded if there is no damage.

Cry List

The Committee asked for the purchase of a trash can to be placed by the dam area of the lake.

Park Ranger

It was suggested the Committee may want to recommend hiring a park ranger sometime in the future.

Cortney moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m., seconded by Connie – Approved 5 – 0

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2016



Cindy Slama, Chairperson



Connie Fortune, Secretary