

PARK COMMISSION

03/17/2010

The Town of Salem Park Commission held its monthly meeting at the Salem Town Hall, 9814 Antioch Rd., Salem, WI 53168 on Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Park Commission members present were: Jo Weidman-Chairman, Crysti Neuman, Diann Tesar, Karen Ihlen, Larry Kamin and Mark Eberle. Others present were: Pat Casey, Administrator; Linda Valentine, Town Chairman and Marilyn Glaze, Park Commission Secretary. Bill Barhyte was excused.

1. Chairman Weidman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. Larry Kamin motioned to approve the minutes from the 2/17/10 meeting, Diann Tesar seconded. Motion approved 5-0.
3. Larry Kamin motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report, Karen Ihlen seconded. Motion approved 5-0.
4. Citizen Comments: Paula Sass, 7907 305th Ave., Salem, from Sass Graphics commented that she thinks the Town of Salem should have given more consideration to local businesses for the new park signs.
5. The official opening for the Salem Community Park will be May 15, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony and coffee & donuts will be served. At the April meeting the Park Commission will review the special invite list for the opening ceremony and start planning for a Fall Festival.
6. After discussing the Expectations for the Town of Salem Parks Commissioners it was decided that Karen Ihlen needs to re-submit her application since it was never approved by the Town Board. Mark Eberle's term expires on June 30, 2010, so he also needs to submit his application. Applications should be submitted by the end of March.
7. Old Business –
 - Draft Park Ordinance – The Park Commission decided that rental policies should be separate from the Ordinance. A Park Policy will also be created. Pat will put together a draft of the ordinance and send it to our Town Attorney, Rich Scholze. It will then be brought back for further discussion.
 - Passive Park Entrance - The Park Commission agreed to stay with the original plan to remove the trees that need to be removed and use the money for more new trees. The front row of trees needs to be removed. The back row of trees we will try to save or maybe move to another location. Some of these trees could possibly be replaced with shrubbery and maybe a split rail fence. Crysti Neuman motioned to stay with the original plan; Larry Kamin seconded. Motion approved 5-0.
9. New Business –
 - The Park Commission would like to plan an annual event at the Park (start small). Check with other communities and bring back suggestions to be discussed at the April meeting.
 - When the Park Ordinance is approved, a copy of it will be posted behind plexiglass at the Park.
 - Restrooms will only be open when someone responsible is there (organized event). We will look into having a couple porta potties installed at the park.
 - It was brought up for discussion about having a post installed with an emergency button. It was then brought out that the price for installing an emergency phone would be \$25,000.

- Pat and Linda are now on the Kenosha County Bicycle Plan Committee. The committee will look into connecting off-road trails, making shoulders wider, and finding grants. Anyone interested in this committee please sign up.

10. Larry Kamin motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Diann Tesar. Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

NEXT PARK COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M.

Minutes prepared and submitted by:

Marilyn Glaze
Park Commission Secretary