

Parks & Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2010
7:00pm

Roll Call:

Present: Daniel Russell, Arnold Palmer, Tricia Letendre, Maegan Frantz, Ben Baskin, Lynette Ziskin, Greg Birbilis, Frank Shipp, Peter Sawyer

Town Officers Attending: Tim Szczepaniak; Kim Ireland,

Meeting called to order 7:01pm

Review & Approval of Meeting Minutes from 4.21.10:

- Motion made to accept meeting minutes of 4.21.10 with changes (shown in red on final minutes) by Shipp, seconded by Letendre. Ayes – All, Nays - 0

Old Business:

1. Land Visit Reports

- Grupe Property
 - a. 22 open, flat, elevated acres
 - b. No-till farming – may have concerns with pesticides
 - c. Useable for ball fields
 - e. Northwest corner of Town

- Wiggley Property
 - a. Lake and Outlet Road
 - b. Wet

- Cinchey Property
 - a. Shipp visited and took photos
 - b. All wetlands
 - c. Very steep drop from road

- Clark Property
 - a. Letendre reported on visit
 - b. 62(+/-) acres offers number of flat fields and old growth woods
 - c. Easily accessible off of Scotchbush Rd. –
 - d. Hiking group has already volunteered to assist with trail maintenance.
 - e. There are grants available for ecological purposes that could be investigated.
 - f. Connecting “trail” to Jenkins Park is very attractive.
 - g. Shipp asked if Jenkins Park Tax District residents would have any concerns about a Park being built next to Jenkins.
 - 1. Ziskin replied that she didn’t think there would be. She had polled several of her neighbors in the District who seemed supportive of the Town pursuing a park near Jenkins, and possible dissolution of the Tax District (see meeting minutes of 4.21.10).
 - h. \$8,000.00 per acre.

- Pustolka
 - a. To be rescheduled

2. Additional land visits

- Dan will schedule first visits to properties of:
 - a. Carpico
 - b. Pangie
 - c. Kramlich
- Committee presented 3 properties that would not be visited again:
 - a. Little - Price of \$45,000.00/acre – Too expensive.
 - b. Cinchy Property – Too wet
 - c. Wiggley – Too wet

3. Letter of thanks to property owners

- Frantz to construct letter and send out after approval

4. Last call for property

- 10 additional letters that went out had no response
- Baskin will draft Letter to Editor and broadcast for final advertisement

5. Report to Town Council

- *Russell presented update he made to Town Council*

New Business:

1. Develop list of 5-10 properties to visit again

- Ireland suggested that Committee be invited to visit top 3 or 4 properties when we visit

2. Funding Resources

- Trust and Agency Account
 - a. Shipp presented information he received on a TRUST AND AGENCY ACCOUNT that can be set up to receive donations.
 - b. Would forgo completing the 501(c)3 process
 - c. Ireland and Szczepaniak requested that Shipp contact Murry Brower to find out more about this account. They will follow up with Brower also.
- Letendre, Baskin and Frantz met with Saratoga PLAN to discuss funding options and availability. They will be a wonderful resource for the Committee.
- Frantz to find out how much the Grant Directory will cost to purchase
- Birbilis to Contact Audry Ball of Malta Parks and Rec. about their success with acquiring funding.

3. Forever Wild Clause in Will

- Shipp presented that Brower has stated there will be no problem with the “Forever Wild” sentence in the Will.
 - a. There will be no obstacle or issue to putting fields, etc. onto purchased property consistent with a park.
- Shipp distributed copies of the clause pertaining to the property

Action Items:

- 1. Complete Site Visits – Those available**
- 2. Complete Paperwork on each site - All**
- 3. Letter to Editor - Baskin**
- 4. Letter to Property Owners - Frantz**

5. Identify grants – Letendre / All
6. Set up remaining site visits - Russell
7. Contact Johnson for maps of 3 properties - Szczepaniak
8. Contact Johnson for code pertaining to any structure on properties we purchase for Town usage - Szczepaniak
9. Set Up Shutterfly account to be able to review photos of properties we have - Baskin
10. Speak to webmaster about potential of posting pics on Town website for public comment- Szczepaniak
11. Investigate Grants Directory - Frantz

Adjournment:

All business complete, motion to adjourn made by Sawyer seconded by Russell. Ayes – All, Nays – 0. Meeting adjourned 8:45pm.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, May 19, 2010, 7:00pm, Ballston Town Hall

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