

Parks & Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2010
7:00pm

Roll Call:

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

Town Officers Attending: Tim Szczepaniak; Kim Ireland,

Meeting called to order 7:05pm

Review & Approval of Meeting Minutes from 5.5.10:

- Motion made to accept meeting minutes of 5.5.10 with addition of names of visiting teams to Land Visit Reports (shown in red on final minutes).

Old Business:

1. Letter to Editor

- Schenectady Gazette Letter to Editor*
- Ballston Journal Article*

2. Land Visit Reports

- Pustolka Property
 - a. Mr. Pustolka contacted Dan to request that his property be taken out of consideration.

Pangie Property – Dan visited

- a. Middleline & Charlton Rds
- b. 15 acres – 7+/- are wetlands (Army Corp of Eng.) ; mix of soft woods

- Carpico Property – Dan and Maegan

- a. Some Wetlands
- b. Currently Part of the Snowmobile Trail
- c. Potential hazards, looks like it has been used as a landfill
- d. Town owns 50' right of way behind it

- Kramlick Property

- a. Dan has been trying to contact
- b. 63(+/-) acres at Rte. 50 and Whites Beach Road

3. Letter of Thanks to Landowners

- a. Frantz collated and returned to Russell to sign and mail.

4. Identify Grants

- Shipp to meet with the Community Foundation of the Capital Region
- Maria from Saratoga PLAN informed committee of grant available through NYSOPRHP and a training being offered on 6.14.10. Frantz, Letendre and Sawyer to attend.
- Research commission on Rural resources
- Frantz identified that the Online Foundation program is too expensive right now, may wish to revisit it in the future. Continues to get emails from the Foundation on RFPs and will review for applicable funding options.
- Sawyer may be able to access HVCC Grant Writing office for assistance

5. **Tom Johnson for Maps**
 - Can also access county website
6. **Code pertaining to structures existing on properties that may be purchased**
 - Received copy of code applicable to structures from Johnson. Russell will file and make copies for anyone who would like one.
7. **Shutterfly Account**
 - Baskin completed process.
 - Upload photos if you have them.
8. **Possible website links to photos of properties on Town site**
 - Szczepaniak informed committee it is possible when we are ready.
9. **Tax deductibles accounts**
 - Shipp shared 3 types of accounts we could investigate:
 - 501 (c)3
 - a. Would leave officers personally liable-Need Dir. & Officers Insurance
 - b. IRS/Audits each year
 - Trust and Agency Account
 - a. Requested specific info. on account from Murry Brower, but has not heard from him yet.
 - b. Kim will speak with Patty about the Trust and Agency Account
 - Escrow account with Community Foundation or Saratoga Plan on our behalf.
10. **Report on Criteria Report**
 - Cost criteria is not included at this time in the classification
 - Please see copy to review “scores”*

New Business:

1. **Committee began to rank properties through open discussion and review of classification system and comments. Only those noted as not being considered further are out of consideration.**
 - a. **Top Choices:**
 - i. Clark (52 acres)
 - ii. Palmer (106.67 acres)
 - iii. Palmer (80 acres),
 - iv. Palmer (55 acres)
 - v. Lang (100 acres)
 - b. **Middle Choices:**
 - i. Lang (35 acres)
 - ii. Pangie (15 acres)
 - iii. Grupe (22 acres)
 - c. **Bottom Choices:**
 - i. Little (90 acres) - price is very expensive
 - ii. Cichy (16.6 acres) – very wet / limited options for park
 - iii. Wigley (29.3 acres) – steep grade / wet / limited options for park
 - iv. Carpico (19.9 acres) – concerns with dumping
 - d. **Properties that will not be considered further because of specific factors:**
 - i. Putolka – Has removed property from consideration
 - ii. Fireman’s Grove – Not interested in selling
 - iii. Lang (49 acres) – Not selling

Action Items:

1. Complete Site Visits

- Tuesday after 6:30, Wed. after 6:30, Sat. 4pm and on.
- Baskin to call Richards
- Dan to follow up with Kramlick
- Kim calling Fitzgerald

2. Complete Paperwork on each site

Adjournment:

All business complete, motion to adjourn made by Shipp, seconded by Palmer. Ayes – All, Nays – 0. Meeting adjourned 8:39pm.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, June 2, 2010, 7:00pm, Ballston Town Hall

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