

Parks & Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2010

7:00pm

Roll Call:

APPROVED 7.28.10

Present: Dan Russell, Arnold Palmer, Frank Shipp, Peter Sawyer,
Lynette Ziskin, Ben Baskin, Tricia Letendre

Town Officer Attending: Tim Szczepaniak

Meeting called to order: 7:10

Review & Approval of Meeting minutes of 5/19/10

Motion made to accept minutes of 5/19/10

Old Business

1. Grants NYS Parks & Recreation

*Maegan, and Frank atnd.

*Several available for historic home restoration

*Acquisition of park: Can't use state funds if park is a gift?

Frank will send this question to Murray

*Upgrading park: Funds will be given only if no work has been started yet.

*Time Deadline: July 11, for money given for 2011. Can not get grants from NYS until 2012.

*Frank shared paperwork from meeting, and has more information upon request.

2. Land Visits

A. **Kramlick Property**: Dan, Ben, Maegan, Lynette, and Frank attended. Tricia went separately.

*\$17,000 front (Rte. 50) is wetter. About 30 acres.

\$13 – 14,000 back (Whites Beach) is sloping, steep. About 30 acres.

*Flat section currently leased to mini RC plane club.

*Shipp requested aerial photo of property

*Expense of road, and wet area seen as prohibitive.

*Palmer: check Army Corp. Eng. for wet lands

*Shipp: White's Beach is private. Adverse to public access, and would need them to agree to let town take over.

- B. **Lang Property**: 1st visit: Maegan, Arnie, Peter
2nd visit: Dan, Lynette, Ben, Tricia
- *\$800,000
 - *Unwilling to sell 50 acres separately. Would sell 100 acres, then sell other 50.
 - *House is included, needs restoration on inside
 - *Barns and outbuildings viewed as an insurance, and maintenance concern.

- C. **Pangie**: Dan, Lynette
- *15 acres. Approx. 7 are wet (Army Corp.)

- D. **Grupe Property**: Dan, Lynette, Ben, Tricia
- *19.9 acres.
 - *Big flat field. Only suitable for playing fields

- E. **Palmer Property**: 1st visit: Dan, Tricia
2nd visit: Dan
- *Field, attaches to snowmobile trail
 - *Wants town rd. or town to buy whole parcel
 - *offering 3 parcels
 - *Price is an issue

- F. **Clark Property**: All visited
- *Ability to connect to Jenkins Park
 - *Jenkins Board has voted to let town take over
 - *Joined parks would offer approx. 100 acre park
 - *Very viable for mixed use: fields, trails, picnics, community gardens, etc.
 - *Different community groups could build bridge over wet area (Boy Scouts, Rotary, etc.)
 - *Different groups could help develop, and maintain
 - *Dan or Tricia will check on limited public access via Kelly Meadow.

New Business

1. Top Choices

Property	Ranking	Cost
Clark	7.6	\$416,000 w/o house
Kremlick	5.84	\$510,000 Front \$390,000 other 30 acres
Palmer All 3 parcels	5.79	\$850,000
Lang 100 acres	4.71	\$850,000

2. Options for Clark Property

A. Option #1

- *Purchase 52 acres minus the house and 73 feet of frontage
- *She could subdivide twice as she wanted

B. Option #2

- *Purchase 52 acres with the house
- *Divide 10 out for her
- *Upgrade house to public use. Tom Johnson doesn't see a problem.
- *Lynette has taken 6 calls this week looking for a spot for events. House could make money on renting the house for events.

3. Town Council Visit of land

- *Parks Com. and Town Bd. should visit land choice
- *Dan will be point person for this

4. Action Items:

- *Dan or Tricia: Kelly Meadow limited access
- *Tim: Will get date for when Murray next meets with judge
- *Peter, and Tricia: Grants

*Explore grant information

Adjournment

All business complete, motion to adjourn made by Ben Baskin, seconded by Peter Sawyer. Ayes – all. Nays – 0. Meeting adjourned 8:45

Next Meeting

Tuesday, July 13, 2010, 7pm, Ballston Town Hall
Dan will be out of town, Peter will lead meeting.

NOTE: As of July 14, meeting has been moved to July 21, 7pm.