

Parks & Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2010
7:30pm

Roll Call:

Present: Daniel Russell, Tricia Letendre, Arnold Palmer, Maegan Frantz, Lynnette Ziskin, Frank Shipp.

Town Officers Attending: Tim Szczepaniak; Kim Ireland, Murry Brower

Meeting called to order 7:35pm

Review & Approval of Meeting Minutes from 6.16.10:

- Motion made by Ziskin to accept meeting minutes of 6.16.10 with revision of spelling for Lynnette, Kramlick & Murry; seconded by Shipp.

Old Business:

1. Update on Schidzick estate - Brower
 - Brower wrote judge requesting update on the potential worth of the bequest. Court basically denied his request.
 - Wickerham returned information to Brower that focused around last Spring's value.
 - Rough estimate of the Diamond Anchor Fund is \$421,000.00 - \$394,000 in stock, \$17,700 in cash. GE is largest holding.
 - Estimate of the Shidzick estate is \$500,000.00.
 - Accounting does not include executor's commission, attorney's fees, trustee fees which will need to be deducted.
 - Potential for trustee to object to releasing monies to Town - Szczepaniak will address concerns about such action with Council Members. Brower has intentions of moving forward with maintaining the release of the full amount of fund to the Town.
 - Question remains for Brower as to whether we will receive the money or if the parcel will be purchased for Town.
2. Concern from floor regarding the policing of a new park as it relates to safety and the recent incident of a fire being deliberately set at the Knight property. The Clark property that is being considered borders the Knight land.
 - Need to budget for security

New Business:

1. Alternate proposal offered from Jan Lang for the property located on Middleline Road.
 - 100 Acres, no buildings - 42 acres woods, 58 acres open fields. 2ponds, 2 creeks for \$650,000.00
 - Letter to go out to additional landowners updating them on status of process and to inform them that an alternate offer has been made, and that the Committee will take all alternate offers into consideration.
2. Donation Fund alternatives for accepting donations on behalf of Parks and Recreation projects.
 - Town Council received Shipp's research about fundraising alternatives.
 - At the current time. The Community Foundation (CFCR) Fund sounds like the most feasible option.
3. Begin to organize function for Park once established.

Action Items:

1. Follow Up Letter to Property owners – Frantz
2. Shipp will extend an invitation to CFCR to join us at the next meeting to inform Committee of benefits/requirements/limitations.
3. Proposed functions for Park-Letendre
 - a. Comprehensive planning survey will be reviewed for ideas

Adjournment:

All business complete, motion to adjourn made by Frantz, seconded by Russell. Ayes – All, Nays – 0. Meeting adjourned 9:00pm.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, September 22, 7:00pm, Ballston Town Hall

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