

February 19th, 2015

PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: T. Maier, D. Wroblewski, J. Hewitt, Bob Eaton, M. Pierce, R. Hansen, Pam Carrey

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED: None

STAFF: B. Sasse, J. Svoboda, J. Pulda, A. Giles- Barron

OTHER IS ATTENDANCE: Trustee Havn

1. Roll Call
The meeting was called to order at 4:01 by T. Maier. Introduction of new Advisory member Pam Carrey
2. Approval of minutes from January 15th 2015 minutes- J. Hewitt motioned to accept the December 18th 2014 minutes as presented. R. Hansen seconded. Motion passed.
3. Public comment- T. Maier stated that the Modern Woodman is looking to do a volunteer project on May 2nd utilizing 12-25 volunteers. She asked the advisory committee for suggested projects and report back at the next meeting.
4. Reports- Staff: J. Hewitt stated that the re-zoning for 2246 Mead St., future site of Polzin Park, is now complete. He mentioned that the businesses in the area have definitely seen a change in attitude in that area of the village. J. Pulda stated that sign-ups for recreation begin this coming weekend. He is working with the city on a couple of programs we run as well. Brochure's for the recreation programs went out at the local schools as well. This was not an available option last year. J. Svoboda stated that formal approval for Kraut Music Fest has occurred and that planning will continue. An official media release should come shortly that announces band and line-ups. B. Eaton asked if there will be a link from the Village's website to the Kraut Music Fest site. J. Svoboda stated most definitely.
5. Polzin Park- T. Maier stated that she met with Officer Schiro, J. Pulda, and P. Wells to discuss wishes of the park and about programs that the Village can offer. It was suggested that volunteers run the programs initially and have our recreation people as back-up. Supplies to run these programs will be funded by SCJ and would be kept at the COP house. There was discussion on theme days, better lighting for the park, and a drinking fountain. J. Hewitt suggested having a ½ dozen trash cans in the park that can be painted by area residents. B. Eaton asked who would be in charge of emptying these cans. T. Maier stated that this park and the way the Village was able to obtain it is new to us and will be a work in progress as we proceed.
6. Approval of Chapter 5 modifications of the CIP- B. Sasse presented to the Advisory Board the modifications to our CORP to include "pocket park" Polzin Park. B. Eaton asked how the name Polzin Park was established and why there was no input from the

advisory board. T. Maier stated that we were given the park and at this time the name is irrelevant when a donation this large is handed to us. J. Hewitt stated that Outpost named the park in honor of the leadership of Polzin.

7. Smolenski Park farm field/ open area- Discussion on how to proceed with the large formally farmed area within Smolenski Park that has and will continue to be a weeded mess if not addressed. One idea was native vegetation. M. Pierce asked if the CORP had recommendations for that area. Control burn? B. Eaton suggested planting hardwoods as a buffer in the area. He has approximately 100 2yr old oak tree's coming that would fit that project. Utilizing the Modern Woodman for this project is an idea. Having the area cleaned up by highway, plowed and planted with native seedlings would cost approximately \$3-\$6,000 an acre. J. Hewitt motioned to have staff begin the process of writing a grant to the RCF for the planting and signage that can be within the walking paths of that area. D. Wroblewski seconded. B. Eaton mentioned some of the success of the Pike River plantings and if we tinker with it and use volunteers for the hardwood plantings it just may work.
8. Discussion on creation of a Park District within the Village- This topic was emphasized as a strictly exploratory item. D. Wroblewski explained to the Advisory Board the general operational aspects of a park district and the fact that its it own taxing entity, self administered, comprised of an elected board, and would most likely need a referendum, and local/state approval. D. Wroblewski stated he could have a guest speaker come to a meeting and explain more. Inviting the Village board to this guest speaker meeting was suggested as well. B. Eaton expressed some concerns about the autonomy of a park district as well as directional isolation from the rest of the village. Would we lose those cooperative resources we currently have? He stated he is not in favor, but could be persuaded. Its been done before....P. Carrey stated that she worked within the park district dynamic and would offer as much knowledge to the group as she could. The process of getting it started could be difficult thou.
9. Park signage changes- M. Pierce distributed to the board the new Village logo and signage that is being implemented as part of the Civic Affairs committee. Cost to redo a sign is about \$120.00 utilizing an existing sign. It was decided that signage would be changed as needed and that all new signage for parks would be of the new village logo. Currently we have 12 park signs within the village.
10. Adjourn: D. Wroblewski motioned to adjourn. R. Hansen seconded. Adjourned at 5:47pm

Respectfully submitted,
J. Svoboda- Park Staff