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*TOWN OF SHELBY*

*Parks and Vacant Land Committee Minutes*

DATE & TIME: February 17, 2016, 6:00 pm

LOCATION: Shelby Town Hall Meeting Room

PRESENT: Tim Ehler, Terri Schlichenmeyer, Jean Wiggert, Gene Roberts, Diana Birnbaum, Josh Blum

1.) Meeting called to order at 6:08pm by Tim Ehler

2.) Motion by Roberts, second by Blum to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2016 meeting with the correction requested by Roberts on the discussion on disc golf course in Mormon Coulee Park. Motion passed.

3.) Discussion on Mormon Coulee Park and the disc golf. Some holes have been temporarily taken down for the winter and the course may be relocated within the park, stretched, and / or reconfigured. There are now problems with traffic and noise in what was once a quiet park; discussion was that there may be a better place to put the disc golf course. Ehler mentioned Pheasant Park, and a possibility that there may be room for a new shelter in Pheasant Park. Discussion was that the course and its location needs to be "re-assessed", perhaps by a professional course designer. It was suggested that the UWL Rec Department may be able to look into a design and bring proposals back to the board. Motion was made by Roberts to request help from a professional course designer or UWL Rec Department, seconded by Birnbaum.

Consensus was that we want the residents to be happy with the park in their neighborhood. Other options mentioned were purchasing land near the park (a cornfield); no other parks are large enough for any course of size. Committee members were not keen on user fees for the course, believing it may be difficult to enforce. It was also mentioned that schools may be interested in the course for curricula; we should ensure that the course is ADA approved.

4.) Discussion on access to Lommen Land from Wedgewood Valley. Roberts and Blum tried to get there, said it's "impossible," and too steep. Discussion on the pros and cons of access, and the difficulties. Suggestion made by Roberts that Jeff Brudos may want to call the children of the current owners of adjacent land, to facilitate access.

5.) Discussion of problems with people under the influence on bike / hiking trails and bonfire areas. Blum encountered two or three such individuals on a recent ride; decided it was wise to leave.

6.) Park questionnaires are coming in steadily, both online and physically, left at the Township offices. Both types of surveys will be available until sometime in April; at that time, the office staff will collate the results for the Parks Board to use.

7.) We are waiting on designs for Mormon Coulee Park shelter. For some reason, there are a lot of user reservations on the current shelter. It is to hope that work on the new shelter can be started by fall.

This led to discussion on Pammel Creek Park. Schlichenmeyer said that the neighbors she'd heard from were largely against a shelter there (because of the noise), and stressed that we need to query neighbors further, taking a page from the issues at MCP. Ehler said he envisioned two bathrooms and a small gazebo between the ball diamonds – no frills because we want neighbors to be happy with the park in their neighborhood; Schlichenmeyer mentioned that PCP is used by the neighbors quite a bit. For both parks, Ehler said bathrooms can now be opened / closed electronically, which will help maintenance and improper access.

Discussion also included talk about bike trails behind PCP off Southdale, linked to other bike and walking trails to other parts of the township, including the Shrine and to the ball diamonds on 33<sup>rd</sup> Street.

8.) Pending items: Ehler briefly updated members on possible water issues that may impact PCP and other areas. Wiggert brought members up-to-date on her milkweed park for Monarch butterflies. Ehler explained a possible switch for Cental baseball to the Hillview diamond and their willingness to help with bike trails. Ehler also updated members on the cottonwood tree rmoval in MCP.

9.) Next meeting is March 23, 2016 at 6:00 pm

10.) Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.



Minutes by Terri Schlichenmeyer 2/17/16

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 5<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH 2016  
Linda E. Abbott  
Notary Public La Crosse County WI  
My commission expires 9-20-19

