

Parks Committee Minutes 2 October 2024

Members Present – Cathy and Paul Kiefer, Luke and Alexa Southerland, Kadie Crivello, Jeff McMullen, Lou Swacker, Roman Clark

Call to Order: 6pm

Minutes: 28 August 2024 – Approved as presented

Treasurer's Report - \$3,677.97 [updated number received from Janice at City Hall post-meeting]

Public Comments –

- a. Roman Clark will join committee and volunteers to assume Secretary position as well as take lead responsibility over Riverwalk
 - i. Committee accepts volunteer and Roman has been made Secretary and has been granted Riverwalk oversight
- b. Rocheport's new website is now live
 - i. We can begin planning things to add such as QR code, parks map, etc.
 - ii. Agenda and minutes will be digitalized here
- c. Roman Clark proposes our joining of Tree City USA [mentions there are requirements and benefits to this]
 - i. Committee requests more information on this group to make informed conversation next meeting
 - ii. Kadie suggested the requirements for this may be upheld, and tied into, a part of the certified wildlife garden project
- d. Backboards for Welbern Park are still in Kiefer's garage
 - i. Luke got an update from Mayor John that the welder needed for those is booked out very far
 - ii. An idea was suggested to move these to the maintenance shed at the children's park

Unfinished Business –

- a. Children's Park Trash Can
 - i. Alexa reviewed some options and found that trash cans designated for parks are very expensive, and we should stick to a less expensive option and create some system to keep it animal proof and challenging for someone to walk away with it WHILE also keeping it inviting to use
 - i. Dumpster suggested – deemed unwelcoming to use
 - ii. Lou suggested he could create a covering for a trash can
 - iii. Consensus is alexa will find options to send to Lou for him to brainstorm prior to next meeting
- b. Children's Park Stair and Trellis Project
 - i. Stair project on hold until John can contact DNR for approval
 - ii. Trellis Project
 - i. Motion Approved

1. Request the City Council approve one of the trellis plans for the Children's Park; with quotes for materials on each. Work will be done by Parks and Recreation Committee, paid for out of Parks and Recreation Committee funds and to begin after Council approval. [plans attached]

New Business –

- a. Fall Clean Up Tasks
 - i. Tasks needed to be completed at all parks locations discussed and task sheet attached
 - ii. Fall clean up to take place at 9am on Saturday, Oct 5pm ; Meeting place is Welbern Park
- b. Secretary Position Vacated
 - i. Roman Clark has been appointed secretary ; He will begin minute taking next meeting
- c. Debris Pick Up Day Proposal
 - i. Roman Clark proposed to Luke that the parks hold a pick up day for brush and organic yard materials to be picked up to help ease beautification of our neighborhoods
 - i. Neighbors are to leave brush, sticks, etc. at end of drive (no more than a gator full)
 - ii. Bagging of materials is encouraged as to fit more in gator at a time
 - ii. Roman will take lead on this and utilize the gator to haul brush
 - iii. The first of these dates will be October 19 and 20, 2024 from 10am-4pm
 - iv. This will be shared with the community via Facebook and the town newsletter
 - v. If received well, the park committee can offer this service twice per year

Committee Reports for each park –

- a. Community Hall
 - a. Kadie asked to add fall/halloween decor to hall and committee approved
- b. Pocket Park – No changes
- c. River Walk – Roman will touch base again with John on solidifying long term plan for culvert wash out
 - a. Welbern Park – Keifers will check on trees to see if anything needs to be trimmed prior to clean up
 - b. Children's Park: (Andy absent) All good.

Next meeting = Wednesday 30 October, 6:00pm

Meeting Adjourned