

NORTHFIELD TOWNSHIP

Parks and Recreation Board

Minutes – September 21, 2017

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:20p.m.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Present: Chuck Steuer, Lee Cole, David Gibbons, Doug Wilbur, Jennifer DeLisle

Absent: Sam Iaquinto, Tim Saville, Tawn Beliger, CiCi Koenig

Also Present: Tami Averill, Community Center Director

3. Approval of Agenda

Additions: Discussion of creating bylaws; Trunk or Treat Event.

Motion made by Steuer to approve agenda as amended. Support by Wilbur. Passed.

4. First Call to the Public

None.

5. Minutes of August 17, 2017 Meeting.

Motion made by DeLisle to approve minutes as presented. Support by Gibbons. Passed.

6. Correspondence

None.

7. Planning Commission Update

None.

8. Township Board Update

See attached message from Tawn Beliger.

9. School Board Update

Cole reported that the Board is dealing with the usual beginning of the school year issues – bussing, staffing, etc. Five new teachers have been hired. The Homecoming parade, game and dance are this weekend.

10. Downtown Planning Group Update

Wilbur reported that their next meeting is Monday evening. The plan is ready to present to the group, so that it can then be presented to the Township Board. It goes hand in hand with the plan for the former Van Curler Property.

11. Project Review & Discussion

a. River Walk – Tawn, Tim, Sam, Lee

Nothing new to report.

b. Park Behind Twp. Hall – Tracy, Marlene

Nothing new to report.

c. Community Garden – CiCi, Tim, Sam, Dave, Doug

A sign has been put up about respecting the gardens and not taking other people's vegetables. Donation signs have also been posted.

The water issue was discussed. The possibility of installing a pump and electricity was discussed. Wilbur suggested fixing the water issue should be made a priority to work on over the winter. Steuer is trying to find a valve fitting for the current water tank to make it easier to use.

d. Bark Park – Chuck, Randy, Lee

The question of lighting for evening Bark Park users was raised again. Lee Cole will talk to Superintendent DeKeyser to see where it stands.

e. Trail Plan – Tracy, CiCi, and Tawn

Nothing new to report.

f. New Community Park – Doug, Tawn, Tim

A parking area is being established.

A committee is working on planning for the Trunk or Treat event. It is scheduled for Sunday, October 22 from 3:00 to 5:00p.m. Funding is being sought for several needed areas of the event. Motion was made by Wilbur to approve up to \$250.00 for the purchase of cardboard trash receptacles and liners and the one day rental of a Porta-John. Supported by Steuer. Passed.

g. Bylaws

Bylaws need to be created. Discussion that these had been worked on last year. Tami Averill will check into it. Need more information as to how others groups have set up their bylaws. .

12. Financial Report and Financial Action Items

None.

13. Board Member Comments

Wilbur – Reminded the Board that it was decided that no monthly meetings would be held when there is nothing to work on.

14. Announcement of Next Meeting – October 19, 2017 @ 7:00p.m.

15. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn was made by Gibbons. Supported by DeLisle. Passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20p.m.

Sept 21st, 2017
updates from my end :)

To:
Parks and Rec,

Signs regarding donations have been placed at both the Bark Park, and the Community Garden. Suggestions regarding signs are welcome.

Also the Board of Trustees approved the request for a \$5,000 budget allocation for this fiscal year.

Next BOT meeting is Tues the 26th of Sept. 7pm.

I have spoke with a few volunteers offering to assist with the work on the non permanent path this fall. At the new park. I will help to get that organized in the next few weeks.

I am looking forward to Truck or Treat this year :) ?

Have a wonderful upcoming weekend!!!

Tawn

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