

MEETING MINUTES OF THE PARKS COMMITTEE  
OF THE VILLAGE OF SPRING GROVE  
JULY 27, 2010

A meeting of the Parks Committee was held this date at 6:58 p.m., at the Municipal Centre, 7401 Meyer Road, Chairperson McMahan presiding.

**Call to Order.** The following committee members were present: Chairperson Bob McMahan; Members Jim Anhalt, Mark Eisenberg, Del Houghton, Ron Kopke and Mike Lee - 6. Absent: Member Pat Mazzanti - 1. Also present for the Village were Sandi Rusher, Village clerk and Matt Wittum, Public Works Crew Leader.

Chairperson McMahan allowed public discussion at the beginning of the meeting.

**Public Comment.**

Rick Graves, representing the Stateline Comets, sought permission to host their annual kickoff party at Thelen Park on August 7<sup>th</sup> from noon to 8:00 p.m. The party is a family-oriented event that will feature team pictures, a skills competition, and a coach's dunk tank. Food and alcohol will be provided by Billy's Hot Dogs, Beef and More. The money raised from the event will assist in the purchase of sprinklers for the football field. Chairperson McMahan sought the favor of the committee since rules have not been established for having events and serving alcohol at Thelen Park. It was the consensus of the committee to waive the rental and liquor license fees and allow the serving of alcohol for this event to be held on August 7, 2010. The committee requested the organization follow the checklist for renting Horse Fair Park.

**Approval of the May 25, 2010 Meeting Minutes.** Member Kopke moved, seconded by Member Lee to approve the May 25, 2010 meeting minutes. Voice Vote: All Ayes. No Nays. Motion carried.

**Approval of the June 29, 2010 Meeting Minutes.** Member Kopke moved, seconded by Member Lee to approve the June 29, 2010 meeting minutes. Voice Vote: All Ayes. No Nays. Motion carried.

**New Business.**

**Discuss the Final Drawings for the Piers at Hatchery Park.** The committee reviewed the drawings for the installation of piers at Hatchery Park. Two piers would be installed on the large pond along with a removable floating dock that could be used for kayaks, paddleboats and canoes. The southern deck on the larger pond is designed as a large observation deck. The pond west of the large pond would feature a removable floating dock. A preliminary estimate to construct the 3 decks/piers is \$300,000, which does not include landscaping. The OSLAD grant that was received requires piers to be installed on the larger pond. After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the committee to move forward with getting bids for the piers with each pier bid separately so that the village has the option of awarding the bids based on the cost of each one.

The committee further recommended bids be sought for extension of a sewer force main, construction of a restroom facility, and restroom facilities inside the hatchery building, so that they can get an idea how much it would cost to do all these projects, including the piers, in order to proceed with spending the necessary funds to complete the OSLAD grant.

**Discuss the Spending of Funds Raised from the Fish Boil.** The village raised approximately \$4,700. It was suggested the village purchase a weed cutter, which would cost about \$3,700, that attaches to a boat to cut the weeds below the surface of the water. The IDNR gave the village a boat, but it cannot hold a motor without a lot of work being done to it so a used fishing boat is being sought. It was the consensus of the committee to purchase a weed cutter from the proceeds noting that it is important for people to know that the funds raised and donated are being used for the renovation of Hatchery Park.

**Unfinished Business.** None.

**Other Business.** None.

There being no further business, Member Kopke moved, seconded by Member Lee to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. On voice vote, the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Sandi Rusher, Village Clerk