

TOWN OF DEKORRA

PARK COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, May 29, 2014 – 6:30 p.m.
Dekorra Town Hall – W8460 Bilkie Road

(The following actions may occur on any business listed below: recommendations for approval/disapproval, consultations, review and/or discussions.)

- 1) Call to Order – Chairman Marty Schmidt
- 2) Roll call – Marty Schmidt, Lloyd Simpson, Mark Niebuhr, Bob Acker, Angela Redington, Deb Scherer, ~~Randy Crawford~~ resigned as of today

Dog park update:

- 15-16 people have signed up for the annual pass.
- A couple people have paid daily fees.

3) Old Business

- a. Finish painting Town Hall – what we have left to paint is outside of gym and east side of building. We have three bids: Danny’s Painting \$2100, Handyman Kevin \$1510 – \$750 to get started, Stefan Schmidt (company out of Madison and related to Marty) \$1175 or a bid for the upper half only \$775.
Motion to take lowest bid to complete all the work by Lloyd, second Deb.
- b. Paint playground equipment at Town Hall –second big slide and swing set are in need of a lot of work to make safe and usable. They can be removed for free, or John who mows the grass for Dekorra is willing to paint them for free. He paints our picnic tables and tennis court lines for free.
It was decided the playground equipment will be removed.
Need a kids swing added to this park.
- c. Designate parking at Camp Rest – Install 4x4 posts to define property lines, buy signs designating public parking space and public use space.
Mark to draft letter for Vicki to send to the adjacent property owners to inform them of the upcoming designation of public space.
We need to determine how the driveway access is defined for one of the properties before defining the public space.
- d. Purchased landscaping for parks –Seven mature trees were purchased in the fall of 2013 at 75% off. They are: two Princeton Maples, four Autumn Blaze Maples, one White Swamp Oak. It was decided to plant two trees at Camp Rest this summer. One, south of the shelter and the other is undefined at this time. Plant two at Hickory Oaks, one at Happy Hollow and 2 at Dekorra Dog Park.
Mark will call Woodland Creek Nursery to get a quote for delivery and installation.

- e. Cut trees this spring at St. Lawrence Park—two trees were removed by Falk and Meister’s. It cost \$1600 and was complete in 3-4 days.
- f. Install basketball standards at Happy Hollow Park – Falk will auger the holes for free. Lions will install the standards. Lions may wait until after the fireworks to do the work.
- g. Repairs to water hand pumps – In the past Country plumber has done this type of work on our pumps. The commission members request two bids for repairing the pumps at Dekorra park and Camp Rest park.
In addition, Marty learned from John that the last time he mowed there that he cleaned up many rocks from the retaining wall that had been thrown on the tennis court. Marty will speak with the neighbors about vandalism at Dekorra Park.

4) New Business

- a. Let’s recruit volunteers – Marty recommends 15-20 signs (figure out wording later, constable will pay for signs) to encourage volunteering within the Town.
Could recruit volunteers at the fireworks. Plans developed to set up a “table” at the fireworks on July 19. We need volunteers to work the “table”. Hours: begin between 1-3 and go until 7:00 pm.
Need to create a list of upcoming projects with defined duties, dates/times that we seek volunteers for.
We also discussed the idea of having a Town Parks Commission organize an “Earth Day – Clean up your neighborhood park” event(s) in 2015.
- b. Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 11, 2014.
- c. Mark will send the “parks” portion of the comprehensive plan to the Parks Commission members. Members are to review the plan before we meet with Mark Roffers on July 9.
- d. Discussion about this commission becoming more formal. We will begin posting minutes in draft format soon after the meeting. Minutes will be formally reviewed and approved at the beginning of each meeting. Approved minutes will replace the posted draft minutes for each meeting.
Discussion about setting a meeting schedule that consists of quarterly meetings.
- e. Future agendas will have the following two items at the beginning:
 - a. Approve minutes
 - b. Comments from the public.
- f. We are looking for a new committee member. Marty will speak with Rick.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45.