

Park Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 3, 2009

Meeting began at 7:00pm; in attendance were Ted Fahey, Mark Gundlach, Erin Klitzman, Ruth Anderson and Deb Broge

Minutes from 10/13/09: Everyone received their minutes via email; no corrections.

Old Business:

Update new committee: with a new core committee beginning to plan/implement the next phase of the park, a brief review of past accomplishments were reviewed as well as identifying those areas not yet addressed or completed. Thanks to Ruth Anderson for supplying copies of old minutes to the committee for review and to Ted Fahey for clarifying questions by the committee.

Clarify matching funds/fundraising/\$\$ available to committee: Ted shared that between 2009 and 2010, approximately \$9,000 would be available to the committee for planning and development. As the park will be a budget line item, all money raised, donated, and from the township will be for further park development and operations of the park.

Event Thank you in the newspaper: Thank you's to sponsors were noted in the Post Messenger and in the Shopper. Thanks to Candee, township clerk, for submitting the information for the sponsors thank yous.

New Business:

Committee Charge (Expectations/Responsibilities): to assist the committee in park development, and provide parameters for decision making, a list of responsibilities and guidelines were approved by the board and presented to the committee. Committee meetings will now take place on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. No meetings will be scheduled for December.

3 Year Plan/Park Layout: The committee is reviewing the current park layout which was a project donated by engineering students from University of Wisconsin-Platteville. The committee will put together a 3 year plan to complete park development based on cost, and usage for a township park. A timeline will be developed to include fundraisers, potential events, etc.

Committee Recommendations/Proposals: With the committee meeting prior to the monthly board meeting, minutes will be forwarded to the committee advisor, Mark Gundlach, so he can report to the board at its monthly meeting, and the board can be informed of committee proposals and work being done.

Current Recommendations include:

- Moving the park signage to be more visible and having both sides of the sign with park information: reason – currently the park sign is easily missed and not visible to passing traffic
- Have a separate sign with park guidelines in larger print on the lane entering the park; reason – people trying to stop and read guidelines on Cty D is a safety hazard.
- Create a "Exeter Township Park-turn here" sign – or similar verbage; reason – creating a smaller white sign with the Park name and an arrow to point to Cty D will make families and travelers on HWY 92 aware of a nearby park, and in general increase awareness to Exeter Township residents that there is a park for residents to use.
- Finalize playground research/bids and have in the park by spring of 2010.

Misc/Other:

- No meeting in December
- January agenda will include formulating the time line and begin developing the 3 year plan for park completion

Follow-Up:

- Mark – invite Gerber playground to come to the January meeting
- Ruth – invite Burke playground to come to the February meeting
- Deb – invite Playworld Systems playground to come to the March meeting
- All committee members – bring fundraising ideas/potential dates, etc. to develop 2010 timeline

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

Next Meeting: January 5, 2010 @ 7:00am

Respectfully Submitted
Deb Broge