

## **Otsego Lake Township Parks and Recreation Commission**

Meeting Minutes  
September 5, 2007

Regular business meeting was held at the Township Park.

Present: Phil Alexander, Dani Coutant, Lorraine Markovich, Ann Wagar, and Christine Wohlfeil. Tim Baker, Township Trustee, attended as a guest and resource person.

Chairperson Christine Wohlfeil called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

It was moved by Coutant to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2007 meeting as written. Second by Markovich. Motion carried

The order of old business followed the 12 items from last month's minutes.

1. Sign on Old 27 to direct people to the Township Park was installed just in time for the festival "Thunder Over Waters". The cost was approximately \$2000. Photo attached to these minutes.
2. Markovich to contact the Township's insurance carrier Burnham & Flower Insurance Group about getting a risk manager to inspect the playground equipment at the Township Park.
3. Markovich reported that the results for two water tests from the park water pump taken to the local Health Department came back okay
4. Parking Lot: Handicap accessible for pavilion on south side not west side. Tom Wagar contacted three excavators (H&D, J&N, and M&M) for quotes and recommended we go with M&M. Tim Baker agreed to get detailed quotes from M&M for the parking lot project. One quote would be for Afton stone and the other using blacktop. Much discussion took place regarding the size of the parking lot, placement of the handicap parking spaces, number of parking spaces, angle vs. perpendicular parking, one or two driveways onto Memorial Drive, a possible buffer zone between the parking lot and the pavilion, and where the stone/marker should be relocated. In general, we agreed on 20 parking spaces including two for handicap. If there will be a second entrance, it will line up with the driveway for the parking lot on the other side of Memorial Drive. Further discussion to take place when we have cost estimates and more details.
5. Each P&R Commission member has a copy of the Township recreation plan.
6. Discussed and decided to delay action until 2008 for connecting the Twp Park with downtown Waters by extending the sidewalk or path on the east side of Old 27. (Sandy Trail to Memorial Drive)
7. Discussed and decided to delay action until 2008 to improve and clean up the pathway in the Nature Trail.
8. Discussed why there are posts along the ditch on Memorial Drive. Decided we will keep them there to deter joyriding on the grass in the park and for added safety in the new parking lot.
9. Build a soccer field that can double as a baseball field. (delayed until 2008)
10. Alexander to contact Jerry Ryckman who maintains the snowmobile trail to see how much he could charge to mow the snowmobile trail along the railroad tracks from the State Park to

downtown Waters for walkers, runners, and mountain bikes during the summer. We may also want to contact Vicky Chmura at Lake State Railway for permission. Part of the trail was mowed this summer for the Mark Mellon triathlon.

11. We decided to request \$20,000 in our 2008 budget to purchase playground equipment for children 2-5 years old. Wohlfeil and Markovich are checking into this and brought several catalogs for the Commission to review.

12. Markovich to contact Paul Millikin about making and maintaining a trail from playscape along the gas line to the front of our property / DAV memorial

13. Build a shuffleboard court on the vacant lot south of the Twp Hall. (delayed until 2009)

#### New Business

1. Tim Baker to get a price quote from Wade-Trim for a survey of the entire park.

2. Tim Baker took a sample of the green shingles from the pavilion roof to see if we can match and replace the missing shingles on the southwest corner.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 1, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Phil Alexander  
Secretary

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