

Recreation and Facilities Committee

9:00 PM January 22, 2018

Members present: Chair Deborah Wolfe, VA Jeff White-excused absence, Mike Mayor Henwood, Liz Lehman, Toni Harper-excused absence

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Change in park rental contract. Have the contract state that renters are to bring their own trash bags.
2. Sandstone foundation stones at the cost of \$75 will be purchased for the park. The \$75 bill will include the sandstone and the cost of delivery.
3. A portion of the South Central Grant will be used to repair the baseball dugouts.
 - A. To save money on the grant, the Street Department will remove the deteriorated roofing on the three the baseball dugouts. I will contact the baseball group, to see if they can rebuild the 3 roofs and repaint the exteriors.
 - B. Will the money received from the insurance coverage on the storm damaged roof be put back into the grant fund?
 - C. Will the grant money used on the fence posts be put back in the grant fund?
4. Sealing of the basketball court and purchase of lumber for the baseball bleacher are on hold, until the final costs of the dugouts are known.
5. Replacement of the Howell Park sign and lighting of the sign will be completed during the 2018 calendar year. If there is any money left in the Howell fund, the money will be used for another light in the park.
6. The village received a letter from Liz Bainter from South Central about the slow completion of the grant. I don't want this grant be like the Soccer Grant that has never been finished.
7. The Soccer Field needs to be finished before the start of Spring Soccer.
8. We need a compost pile for the park. Is this going to be pursued this year?

9. Will the concrete barriers be spaced out to allow my vehicle drive between them? With the present configuration, ruts are being made because there is only one way in and out of the park.

10. Ordinance 2-3-92

- A. The Park sign for Ordinance 9-18-01 states: Clean up after your pet. It's the law! \$25 to \$200 fine. In Ordinance 2-3-92, needs to have the same monetary fine. Three signs need to be made that states: All dogs need to be on a leach, it's the law and render the same fine as above.
- B. These changes in the park rules need to be put in the Village Voice. On the first violation, there needs to be a warning for the first violation. Not everyone receives the monthly newsletter; therefore this would be unfair to an outside party.
- C. If these ordinances are enforced, how will the fine be collected? Will we send a bill, put this fine onto their property taxes, or go to court over these fines?
- D. Mike will check with our lawyers to see if the fines mentioned above can be instituted.

11. I will contact Todd Younkin from the Fairfield County Historical Parks to see if I can get any help in replacing the decking planks at the oil derrick.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. To increase the flow of visitors to the park, I would like to offer a free place, for musicians, artisans and people selling baked goods, to display their wares at Howell Park. This event would start in the morning from 8 -12 on the first Saturday in May and continue until the last Saturday in September.
- 2. I would also like to offer free marked 10' x 10' spaces at the park for anyone wanting to bring items in during the Annual Community Yard Sale. This will need to be advertised in our website and the paper. There needs to be a sign-up page, so I will know how many spaces to mark off.
- 3. For both of these events, signs would need to be made to direct traffic to Howell Park.

4. The first year these two events would be a free service to the community. If it proves successful, the following year there could be a nominal fee for such a service.
5. I will purchase a security box to be erected in the park for any donations to Howell Park. The Street Department will install this in the park. To advertise the placement of this box in the park, I will put something in the Village Voice, Bremen's website, and on Facebook.
6. Deb Moio would like to place a reading box in the park. It would be placed in the playground area, so that the children would have access to the books. Unlike the other Book Box offered to the village last year, there will be no religious books in the box.
7. I will contact Andy Seals, a local contractor, to see if he can help in replacing the stones around the koi pond.
8. Kye Cook is now working at the Recycling Center on East Main Street. If he has time, he might still come to the park to help with the workload.
9. I spoke with Sarah Haley who is the Community Service Probation Officer. I can get people who are on probation to help out in the park. The Municipal Courts would rather have people do community service, instead of sitting in jail, or in a Detention Center.

Note – This was not brought up in the meeting, but I think the ordinance concerning dogs on a leash law needs to be enforced. To institute this change of enforcement, three signs need to be posted: the entrance beside the Concession Stand, and on each side of the post beside the trash can at the start of the walking path. Last summer someone was bitten by a dog that was not on a leash. That person had stitches and a tetanus shot at the hospital. The Village needs to be “covered” with the use of signage, when problems like this arise.

Deborah Wolfe, Chair