



August 23, 2010

Meeting Minutes of the Birchwood Parks and Natural Resources Committee

Members Present: John Lund, Cynthia Tomlinson, Kathy Malles, Deb Harrod (partial attendance)

Also Present: Barb Carson, Council Representative; John Prins, resident

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
Minutes from June 28, 2010 approved.

Dog Ordinance: The city's two conflicting ordinances dealing with dogs allowed in park areas and inconsistent signs posted resulted in a discussion about it. The city council is presently reviewing these ordinances.

Birch Walkway Drainage/Maintenance: Barb reported that Kristy Elfering is checking into the specs and will advise on options for improving it, whether it be graduated steps or something else. Barb will start a maintenance schedule based on her recommendations.

Benches: Bench installation options to keep maintenance at a minimum were discussed. John suggested pavers to allow rain to soak through with the bench bolted onto concrete footings. He'll gather pricing information and will decide next meeting. Kathy will look into a plaque for a donated bench/chair to be decided by the donor later on. Two Adirondack chairs (color: weathered) will be ordered soon at state fair price discount.

Ash/Birch Walkway Extension: John reported that Steve Dean has equipment available to clear away some of the brush and will work up proposal details.

Miscellaneous:

- Dale will be asked to prepare a standard incident report form for reporting injuries when volunteering for the city. Kathy designed a form for adding up and reporting volunteer hours and mileage.
- The pathway at Tighe Schmitz is overgrown with weeds. Ms. Elfering will be asked about preventing it, and Kathy will try out non-toxic methods on a section to see what works.
- Information for next year's budget process was discussed.
- Work plans are being decided for our Sentence to Service application.
- Barb reported the results of her meeting with DNR concerning beach weeds.

Hockey Rink Clean Up Day: Volunteers will be asked to help clean up the hockey rink on Saturday, September 18th from 10:00 to 2:00. Tasks include weed removal, power washing the rink, cleaning out the gutter, painting, & tree/shrub trimming. The asphalt whitewashing will be done by volunteers once the rink's dry.

Hockey Rink 2010/11 Season: Things went very well last year because of the great job done by Bob Carson and the student workers. He arranged and kept track of the staffing schedule to help prepare for next season. Jobs will be posted in the newsletter for the nine Level 1 and one Level 2 student workers. *Moved by Cynthia, seconded by John, that we ask Bob Carson to supervise hockey rink operations again for 2010-11 season. Motion passed.*

The Mobile Mini temporary warming house worked out well for us last season. *Moved by Cynthia and seconded by Kathy that we rent the same warming house for this coming season. Motion passed.*

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Submitted by:
Kathy Malles