



July 26, 2010

Meeting Minutes of the Birchwood Parks and Natural Resources Committee

Members Present: John Lund, Craig Aichele, Kathy Malles, Cynthia Tomlinson, Deb Harrod, Mike Connelly
Also Present: Barb Carson, Council Representative

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Order of Parks:

Cynthia stated she would like to develop a prioritized plan for addressing the parks. Specific points discussed regarding individual parks and walkways included:

- Bloomquist: has been improved and free wood chips to be delivered.
- Wildwood: picnic table will be replaced. Flag to be replaced in 2011 and lit. Kathy will research cost to purchase a solar light to light the flag at night.
- Barb applied for DNR permit to remove growth below high water mark.
- Tighe Schmitz: walkway is overgrown with grass in certain segments of the walkway.
- Grotto: access to Tighe Schmitz is rutted and in need of woodchips or gravel where Grotto meets the park. Steps on Grotto from Hall Ave. need gravel.
- Birch walkway asphalt drainage issue: Cynthia made a motion to contact the city engineer. Seconded by Deb. The plan needs to address run-off, erosion and pedestrian safety. Barb will address at the August council meeting.

Bench Donation: Cheryl Miller would like to donate a bench in honor of her late husband.

Picnic Tables and Benches: Kathy motioned that we have an ADA table at T. Schmitz Park and Mike seconded. Motion carried. New wood was installed on the Wildwood bench and new wood was purchased to replace other bench and table boards. Barb has a source for locally-made picnic tables that tilt easily for mowing.

For Adirondack chairs at Ash, plywood material was preferred. Cynthia to email the committee a website for color choices for two chairs.

Ash / Birch Walkway Expansion: John made a motion to proceed with a study to extent the Ash and Birch walkways. Craig seconded. Debbie to check with Washington County regarding S.H.I.P. (Statewide Health Initiative Program) for assistance. It may also be a potential Boy Scout project.

Miscellaneous:

- Buckthorn Educational Material: Erica will send out after she sends rain garden information.
- Kathy is waiting for Washington County Conservation District to reply on rain garden plans.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Submitted by:
Mike Connelly