

**Minutes for Birchwood Parks and Natural Resource Committee, Special Budget Meeting
5-28-2013**

Present: Katie Cavanor, Bea Krinke, John Lund, Sara Nephew

Absent: Karleen Corliss, Jim Ecker, Debbie Harrod, John McCormick, Kelly Paradise

Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m.

Approve Agenda: Review of Parks Committee Proposed Budget/Work Plan for 2013

Approve Minutes

Old Business:

Updates:

Jeff Irsfeld of Yard Works is the new mowing and weed maintenance person.

Warming House update: John

We need to raise \$6000 before building can begin on August 1, Katie called Bill Hullsiek re: budget for this. Discussed options for how to start and go about getting donations. Kelly P will include note in newsletter about making donations for warming house. Checks written to the city for this project will be tax-deductible.

Elm update:

John worked with Molly from the DNR. She approved a plan for 3 yards of sand and rip rap; John is coordinating with the adjacent neighbors. Need to wait and see the DNR-approved plan before beginning work.

Weed Control:

Discussed need for Park area around the flagpole, discussed need to budget for weed control in contract. John will talk with Jeff to prepare for the July 4th event.

Goose droppings polluting Tighe Smith fields – no solution in sight.

Discussed tennis court maintenance and tree removal, John is exploring least-costly (yet timely) options

New Business

Swings need repair because chains were twisted around the frame and broken

Discussed request for a horseshoe pit in Tighe Smith Park (need to include in budget if going forward)

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Meeting adjourned: 8:13 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Bea Krinke for Debbie Harrod