

Sheridan Park Board Meeting

Aug. 8th 2019

Town Hall

Attendees: Elizabeth Walden

Matthew Lenseigne

Wanda Lyons

Keith Rinkenburg

Janna Waters

Election of Officers; Janna Waters motioned that Keith Rinkenburg be elected President of Park Board. The motion was seconded, and Mr. Rinkenburg was elected unanimously. Wanda Lyons motioned that Janna Waters be elected Vice President, again the board all agreed. Matt Lenseigne agreed to be Secretary and approve minutes of the meetings. Janna Waters will be taking minutes down and submitting them to Mr. Lenseigne for approval.

Schedule for Meetings: The Board agreed to meet every first Thursday of the month in Town Hall at 7:00 PM.

New Business: Wanda Lyons asked if we were to put away the discussions from previous meetings about a year ago. It was agreed that we would for the most part.

Discussion of the contracts between Rec. Board and Town of Sheridan. Keith Rinkenburg mentioned the old discussion about Rec. Boards contract stating that moneys should be paid to the Town of Sheridan for use of its parks for their sports programs. The old contract couldn't be found for a while, but was eventually located. However, that old contract is now void. Rec. Board has been paying the Sheridan Schools fees, but has not paid the Town. It was also talked

about that Rec. Board should pay the Town Of Sheridan for revenues Rec. Board gains from advertising signs on fence.

Mr. Rinkenburg submitted that we all should look for ways to make general improvements in our parks, such as repairing the pond at Veterans Park. Mr. Rinkenburg also suggested that there be a sign on the Monon Trail at Sheridan's end for cycling groups, particularly in light of the projected expansion of the trail into other communities.

It was also discussed that we should participate and encourage others to volunteer in our parks to help out Jonathan Reigns, Parks Superintendent.

It was suggested that we consult Todd Burtron about getting grants, Tina Henderson was mentioned as a possible grant writer.

Veteran's Park was discussed because it has been identified as a place where some people are taking advantage of the cover provided on the back side to engage in illegal activity, (ie. drugs etc.)

We also addressed the need to clean up the area behind the Monon Trail, as well as arranging to make repairs to the trail its self.

Keith Rinkenburg made a point about the tennis courts at the big park, as algae is collecting on its surface making it slick and therefore a liability issue. We want to arrange to get it cleaned.

Elizabeth Walden recommended that we, the park board come to the Ham and Bean Supper sponsored by the Sheridan Historical Society at Veterans Park on Sept.21st, 2019. So that people in the community have the opportunity to meet us.

We talked about helping promote special events taking place in our parks more effectively.

Next Meeting: Sept. 5th, 2019 at 7:00 PM, Town Hall

Adjournment,7:45 PM

Sheridan Park Board Meeting

September 5th 2019

Sheridan Town Hall, 7:00 pm

In attendance: Keith Rinkenberg, Wanda Lyons, Janna Waters, Elizabeth Walden

Old Business: Rec Board's old agreement with the town expires this year. It was concluded that it is likely that this old agreement was for the most part a verbal one. Discussion about making a new agreement with Rec Board concerning them paying for the use of Biddle Memorial Park to cover such things as maintenance, lights etc. Bill Curl has expressed an interest in talking to town atty. About drawing up new agreement. A planning session was suggested for making this agreement as well. Conclusions, and or suggestions for contract will then be recommended to Town Council, and town atty.

Planning session would have specific bullet points to be discussed.

~ To secure \$5000.00 yearly from Rec Board for use of Biddle Park to go to general expenses of the town. Chief responsibility should be the town because the town owns the park.

~Elizabeth Walden submitted that Rec Board also needs to provide the town with a certificate of insurance.

It was also discussed that it would be good for the town to have a list of officers of the Rec Board and contact information.

~ There was also a discussion about the Horse Shoe League. The League has not paid to use Biddle Park for a long time, and they too, should provide a certificate of insurance.

New Business: Following is a list of proposed improvements for our parks.

~ Grants for improvements will be pursued for some of these items.

~Veteran's Park pond repair. Pond is not currently working, and is empty. It has been suggested that we do not restock with fish.

~ Veteran's Park; trees need attention, trimming around them etc.

~Community Park play area needs attention, play equipment needs repairs, new playground mulch.

~We discussed the need to Improve the situation with playground equipment at Biddle park as well. It was suggested that it be replaced.

~Weeds in many of our park's flower beds need to be removed. Perhaps we can appeal to some volunteer groups to address the problem. (Riverview Health, Rotary, Kiwanis, etc.)

~Cleaning of the Community Center. Keith Rinkenburg has already been contributing to the effort. Mr. Rinkenburg submitted that the toilet fixtures need to be replaced. Flapper valves are leaking, adding to the water bill, and causing the bowls to appear dirty.

~ Community Center building is in need of attention. Paint and foundation work needs to be addressed. We discussed the possibility of pursuing a grant for foundation work.

~Biddle Park- Tennis courts need to be cleaned, as the black algae forming on them presents a liability issue. Recommendation, that Kings Power Wash service be approached to clean it. Cost last time Kings cleaned the courts was \$1000.00.

Waters collecting on tennis courts is identified as having a great deal to do with this problem. It is recommended that we look into ways to divert the water (retention wall.)

~ Assessing trees in our parks to assure safety. Many are dead, and may have blight which can spread.

~Frisbee golf at Biddle Park: Called into question as to if it is utilized by the community, and does it present a liability issue. Skate park is in need of repair as well. It was brought to the floor also, that neither of these installations were ever approved by the Town of Sheridan.

~ Superintendent's work area reorganizing so as to improve the aesthetics in Biddle Park.

~ Monon Trail- Much gross vegetation that should be removed. This could also be possibly be addressed by utilizing volunteer groups. There is also an old fence line along the Monon that should be removed.

In all of our parks it has been suggested that we provide better, more attractive trash cans.

~ It is suggested that a sign be installed near trail letting cyclist know that we do indeed have a park adjacent to the trail, as well as amenities such as bathroom facilities in park, and restaurants in town, etc. that they may utilize. In short, need of greater advertising.

Some other recommendations are organizing a parks clean-up day powered by volunteers. Some groups suggested to approach about this were the schools, Scout groups, sports teams, churches, community groups to help with effort.

~ Another suggestion is that we organize a fund raiser. This will be addressed further in future meetings.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:20 pm.

Next meeting: October 3rd, 2019 at 7:00 pm

Sheridan Town Hall

Sheridan Park Board Meeting

Nov. 7th, 2019

Town Hall

Attendees: Keith Rinkenberg, Jason Rumph, Beth Devinney, Wanda Lyons, Janna Waters, Elizabeth Walden.

Call to order 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer

Matt Lenseigne has resigned as secretary of park board due to personal issues, and is being replaced by Jason Rumph upon Mr. Rumph's appointment to the position.

Beth Devinney was sworn in as park board member

There were no minutes from October's meeting, as there were not enough members in attendance to make a Quorum.

Old Business:

Mr. Rinkenberg spoke with superintendent John Reigns about items on project list compiled in September's meeting. Many of the items discussed were addressed and completed by Mr. Reigns. A new project list will be made.

Jason Rumph mentioned that the Baptist Church has volunteered to do work in the parks, and that they have spoken to a state expert who has offered to advise, and rebuild Biddle's skate park. Mr. Rinkenberg reminded all of the fact that things such as this must be brought before Town Board as a recommendation. Under the current contract, no changes can be made in the parks unless it is approved by park board, recommended to and approved by town board, then go through the town's accounts, as the town owns park properties.

Trail signs for Monon Trail were discussed. Designs and dimensions will be determined at later date. We will likely seek sponsorship from local businesses to put up sign.

Contract issues: 5 years ago, a contract was drawn concerning Rec board, town board, and the school with regard to redoing the baseball diamonds, according to this agreement school was to share costs with rec board. This contract ends Nov. 20th. Current Town leadership wants money's paid to town board, then dispersed to the other entities involved in the work.

We discussed the current contracts validity. If it is found to be not valid, we must hurry to negotiate a new one, otherwise we have aa year to come up with a new one.

New Business:

Mrs. Devinney mentioned that rec board's youth league is willing to pay for leveling and adding dirt to baseball field, which is a maintenance issue. She suggested that J.D. Turf could possibly do this for around \$4000.00. Mr. Rinckenberg asked that this be made into a written proposal.

Other issues at Biddle Park include field tile replacement and repair, drainage, mosquito control, trash clean up, and addressing possible illegal activities taking place behind Monon trail.

Task appointments for the members of the park board were discussed. Members will watch over particular departments, and if issues are noted, report will be made. Tasks were distributed as follows:

Contract Committee, Wanda Lyons

Sponsors, Beth Devinney

Monon Trail, Keith Rinckenberg

Play areas, Janna Waters

Events, all

Meeting adjourned 7:40PM

Next meeting: Thursday, December 5th,2019

Town Hall

Sheridan Park Board Meeting

Dec, 5th, 2019

Town Hall

Attendees:

Keith Rinckenberg

Jason Rumph

Wanda Lyons

Beth DeVinney

Call to order: 6:52 pm

Pledge

Minutes from previous meeting were approved

Discussion : Beth Devinney has compiled a list of potential sponsors.

Keith Rinckenberg reports that his observations of the Monon Trail include a large , un used drain pipe remains along the trail, he also noted trash , and several drainage issues.

There was a master plan drawn up some time ago. We discussed each of us receiving a copy of this plan. One of the things covered by this plan were lights, we are unsure as to who is to pay for these lights.

Wanda Lyons shared her list of observations with the board. Included on her list were:

Storage shed on east side of Biddle Park is in poor condition

Trash

Veteran's Park Tree down.

Porta potty at top of lane at Veterans Park

Keith mentioned the racoons at Veteran's Park, that they are very numerous.

Community Park, lots of limbs down

Keith added that there are swings disassembled at Community park.

We were reminded that our Superintendent John Reigns is currently working for the Street Dept., and will be available to do more work in the parks when the season resumes. Wanda's list will be added to our spring agenda.

Old Business:

No word on new trail signs

Jason Rumph stated that there has been no more word on work on skate park, but that the church is ready to do some work.

Rec board has not yet approved work on ball diamond. J.D. Turf has not returned calls.

Per Bill Curl; Project is considered renovation. Beth concedes that it is more of a maintenance issue. This will be discussed and voted on by Park Board, then a recommendation submitted to Town Board.

New Business:

Old contract has been determined null and void. Rec Board paid for things directly to recipients, rather than going through Town accounts. Hence there are no receipts for service to the Town , therefore the Town could be audited and penalized for lack of such records

This was a result of mis interpretation of old contract. Bill Curl would like for a new contract to be finalized by Dec. 27th

Meeting adjourned; 7:32

Next Meeting: January 2nd, 2020

7:00pm

Town Hall