

Madison Beach and Recreation Department  
Bauer Park Committee  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
**August 24, 2016**

**In attendance:** Ted Rahmann, Holly Johnson, Nicole Belanger, Ann Judd, Tom Kelty, John Paulson

**Absent:** Jim Henneberry, Sue Stark, Julie Ainsworth, Scot Erskine

Meeting called to order at 7:40 pm

1. Approval of July 27 meeting minutes. Holly motioned to approve the meeting minutes for July. John seconded. All in favor with Ted and Nicole abstaining.
2. Chairman's Report – Nothing to report.
3. Sections Reports –
  - a. Volunteer Coordinators Report –
    - i. Julie will provide a list of the teens who volunteered at the summer programs and might be available to volunteer at the Harvest Festival.
    - ii. Another email will go out after Labor Day to gardeners asking for volunteers. A similar email will be sent to people who volunteer at the Madison Food Pantry.
  - b. Building and Grounds –
    - i. The next work day will be held on September 10
    - ii. Town is still mowing too much. Possibility of moving to a haying schedule was discussed. One problem is that the heavy equipment needed to mow if things were allowed to grow too much wouldn't be available.
  - c. Public Relations and Publicity Report – FaceBook page will ask for volunteers and sponsors for the Harvest Festival.
  - d. Gardens Report – bugs have become a major problem this season in part because some gardeners are not maintaining their plots so the insect pests are moving to other's plots.
  - e. Education Report –
    - i. Camps are going very well in part because of the great teen volunteers.
    - ii. Fall programs are taking shape.
    - iii. Mice are still a problem in the classroom. A partial solution might be to remove the deer antlers.
4. Harvest Festival –
  - a. Next meeting will be held on Monday, September 12 at 7:00.
  - b. \$1,750 has been received from sponsors.
  - c. Scranton Library will participate in the festival for the first time.
  - d. Posters for the photo contest are ready and some have been posted.

- e. There is a bin on the front porch of the house for scarecrow clothes.
5. Old Business –
- a. 5-year Plan – Nothing to report.
  - b. Dog Park – Nothing to report.
6. New Business –
- a. A suggestion was made to begin committee meetings at 7:00 rather than 7:30. Idea will be discussed at the September meeting.
  - b. Ted mentioned the possibility of the 5<sup>th</sup> CT Regiment doing a Revolutionary War reenactment at the park. There would be a cost involved. Further discussion was postponed until the September meeting.

#### Adjournment

Motion made by Holly to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Ann and all in favor.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.