

Madison Beach and Recreation Department  
Bauer Park Committee  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
**September 28, 2016**

**In attendance:** Holly Johnson, Ann Judd, Tom Kelty, John Paulson, Jim Henneberry, Sue Stark, Scot Erskine

**Absent:** Ted Rahmann, Nicole Belanger, Julie Ainsworth

Meeting called to order at 7:34 pm

1. Approval of August 24 meeting minutes. John made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for August. Tom seconded. All in favor with Sue abstaining.
2. Chairman's Report – Nothing to report.
3. Sections Reports –
  - a. Volunteer Coordinators Report – things are falling into place in terms of having enough volunteers for the Harvest Festival.
  - b. Building and Grounds –
    - i. The next work day will be held on Saturday, October 1.
    - ii. Mowing has slowed down, but everything will be mowed again before the festival.
    - iii. Two large sugar maples were taken down near the front of the house. Others will have to be taken down as well. The town plans to plant new sugar maples at some point.
  - c. Public Relations and Publicity Report –
    - i. Several pictures from classes at the park have been posted on the FaceBook page.
    - ii. An ad for the Harvest Festival will be submitted to *The Source*.
  - d. Gardens Report –
    - i. One gardener reported that sunflowers are toxic to other plants such as potatoes, eggplant, and pole beans and wanted seed heads and plants removed. This issue should be dealt with among gardeners whose plots/plants might be affected.
    - ii. There has been an increase in the amount of theft and vandalism including inside the Farming Project garden. Pumpkins seem to be a prime target.
    - iii. The issue of abandoned plots and insects continues. It was pointed out, however, that it isn't always easy to tell which plots are abandoned and which just look that way.
  - e. Education Report –
    - i. School field studies are underway with the second graders due to be at the park on 9/29.
    - ii. After-school club and daytime classes are running.

4. Harvest Festival –
  - a. Income is now pretty close to what was raised last year as most previous sponsors have donated again this year.
  - b. Staff from both the Police Department and Beach and Rec. will be at the festival to help out.
  - c. The festival program looks great and is just about ready to go to the printer. There was a discussion as to the definition of “Major Sponsors” and it was decided that those contributing \$200 or more would be the only ones listed as such.
  - d. Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 5 at 7:00.
5. Old Business –
  - a. 5-year Plan – Nothing to report.
  - b. Dog Park – some donations have been received by Beach and Rec. In addition, Scot has applied for funds to support a dog park from the Bauer grant,
6. New Business – it was agreed that the remaining two meeting of the year (October and November) start at 7:00 instead of 7:30. The start time of 2017 meetings will be decided when the town puts together its new calendar.

Adjournment

Motion made by Ann to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by John and all in favor.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.