

Madison Beach and Recreation Department
Bauer Park Committee
Monthly Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2016

In attendance: Ted Rahmann, Holly Johnson, Ann Judd, Nicole Belanger, Pam Meier, Jim Henneberry, Pam Meier, John Paulson, Scot Erskine

Absent: Susan Stark, Tom Kelty, Julie Ainsworth

Meeting called to order at 7:40 pm

1. Approval of December 2 meeting minutes. Holly motioned to approve the meeting minutes for October. John seconded. All in favor.
2. Election of Officers
 - a. Before discussing the election of officers, Pam told the committee about the reasons for her decision to resign from the board which were primarily that she felt that the Harvest Festival not only placed a heavy burden on committee members but also kept the committee from being able to focus other aspects of the park. It was agreed that the issue was an important one and should be discussed.
 - b. Current officers were nominated to continue in their positions for another year. John moved to close the nominations, Jim seconded, and all were in favor with the exception of Pam who abstained.
 - c. Officers for 2016 will be: Chair, Ted Rahmann; Vice-Chair, Holly Johnson; Secretary, Ann Judd.
3. Public Comments – Ted read a letter he had received from an unidentified person who had many complimentary things to say about Bauer Park.
4. Chairman's Report –
 - a. All vacancies on the Beach and Rec. Board have been filled.
 - b. The regular grant from the Bauer Trust has been received.
 - c. Wood duck boxes have been installed as have the garden plot markers and some signage.
5. Sections Reports –
 - a. Volunteer Coordinators Report – Nothing to report.
 - b. Building and Grounds –
 - i. Town crews have been doing a lot of cutting back to the property line and have also done cutting in the area of the proposed dog park.
 - ii. People have been parking on the grass rather than in the parking lot adjacent to the farm house in order to get closer to the gate when it's closed. The area will be roped off to prevent this.
 - c. Public Relations and Publicity Report – Nothing to report.

- d. Gardens Report – A few minor changes need to be made to the rules for the coming season before the rules and application forms can be distributed to gardeners.
 - e. Education Report –
 - i. A new system of pay for teachers has been instituted under which teachers will be paid more but will also not be paid for as much time for pre- and post-class work.
 - ii. Enrollments in winter classes have been low.
 - iii. Camps will be offered every week during the coming summer.
 - iv. Mice in the classroom have been a problem.
6. Old Business –
- a. Policies and Procedures –
 - i. Fees for rental of the classroom are set through Beach and Rec.
 - ii. Pam made a motion that the committee make no formal provision for renting outdoor spaces at the park; Holly seconded. All in favor.
 - iii. Committee members felt that a list of basic rules for park use should be drawn up and posted at the park.
 - iv. The issue of renting the pavilion will be discussed at a future meeting.
7. Harvest Festival –
- a. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 1 at 7:00 p.m.
 - b. An effort will be made to get new volunteers to work on organizing the festival.
8. House Update – the application to the state to have the house registered as a historical house is still pending.
9. The February 24 meeting will be canceled due to the fact that there would not be a quorum given committee members' schedules.

Adjournment

Motion made by Holly to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Pam and all in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.