

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

In attendance: Holly Johnson, Ann Judd, Tom Kelty, John Paulson, Susan Stark

Absent: Ted Rahmann, Jim Henneberry, Nicole Belanger, Julie Ainsworth, Scot Erskine

Meeting called to order at 7:40 pm

1. Public Comments – representatives from the Deacon John Grave Foundation attended the meeting to find out what they could do at this year's Harvest Festival. They have a standard presentation about flax growing and linen making and can give a demonstration of spinning. Holly will follow up with them to make decisions about what they will do at the festival and where they'll do it.
2. Approval of June 22 meeting minutes. Sue motioned to approve the meeting minutes for June. Tom seconded. All in favor.
3. Chairman's Report – Nothing to report.
4. Sections Reports –
 - a. Volunteer Coordinators Report – an email was just sent out to all gardeners asking for volunteers for the Harvest Festival. Several responses have been received already.
 - b. Building and Grounds –
 - i. The next work day will be held on August 6. Sue will be the point person.
 - ii. There continue to be some complaints about the town's aggressive mowing. Holly will discuss these concerns with Scot but pointed out that it's difficult to reach a balance between preserving habitat and controlling invasives, particularly multiflora rose, bittersweet and Russian olive. Some of the milkweed that had been cut down previously has started to regrow.
 - c. Public Relations and Publicity Report – there has been a lot of activity and new postings on FaceBook.
 - d. Gardens Report –
 - i. Despite the lack of rain, water is still being drawn from the pond.
 - ii. Holly reported that there are several unrented plots and suggested they be offered to anyone who might want to plant fall crops.
 - e. Education Report – camps are reportedly going very well.
5. Harvest Festival –
 - a. Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 10 at 7:00.
 - b. Holly reported that only \$550 in support has come in so far and getting sponsors has been slow.

- c. The main event will be the Children's Museum.
6. Old Business –
- a. 5-year Plan – Nothing to report.
 - b. Dog Park – Nothing to report.
7. New Business – none.

Adjournment

Motion made by Ann to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by John and all in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL