

Madison Beach and Recreation Department
Bauer Park Committee
Monthly Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2016

In attendance: Ted Rahmann, Holly Johnson, Ann Judd, John Paulson, Sue Stark

Absent: Nicole Belanger, Tom Kelty, Jim Henneberry, Scot Erskine, Julie Ainsworth

Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm

1. Approval of September 28 meeting minutes. Holly made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for September. John seconded. All in favor with Ted abstaining.
2. Chairman's Report – Ted reported that it is likely that Nicole will be leaving the committee.
3. Sections Reports –
 - a. Volunteer Coordinators Report – Harvest Festival went smoothly in terms of having enough volunteers to cover events.
 - b. Building and Grounds – nothing to report.
 - c. Public Relations and Publicity Report – nothing to report.
 - d. Gardens Report –
 - i. There has been a killing frost which should expedite people's cleaning up their plots. Final garden cleanup must be done by the Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend.
 - ii. Theft of vegetables continues to be a problem.
 - e. Education Report – kindergarteners have been coming to park this week picking pumpkins.
4. Old Business –
 - a. 5-year Plan – Ted wants to move forward with certain aspects of the plan, in particular locating sites for benches and trees throughout the park. Benches or trees could be given to the park in someone's memory; the town already has a design for the benches and memorial plaques.
 - b. Dog Park – a recent incident involving off-leash dogs at the park may serve as an incentive to move forward with the dog park.
5. Harvest Festival –
 - a. The wrap-up meeting will be held next Tuesday, November 1 at 7:00.
 - b. As of now, income exceeded expenses this year, and Scot proposes using the surplus for next year's festival.
 - c. Donations on the day of the festival and proceeds from popcorn sales exceeded \$1,800.

6. New Business – Ted would like the committee to think about holding other events at the park such as a Revolutionary War reenactment. No formal decision was made but the consensus was that other events would be welcomed as long as they didn't require additional work for committee members.

Adjournment

Motion made by Holly to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Sue and all in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL