

Yorktown Parks and Recreation Board Minutes

Regular Meeting

January 11, 2017 5:30 PM

Field Operations Building

Jon Myrick called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Members Present: Bob Drummond, Vicki Craig, Jon Myrick, and Greg Holzer

Members Absent: Peg Flanagan

Others Present: Erin Hurley, Bud Craig, Todd Blevins, and Dan Lake (Kieser Consulting)

Minutes from the December 14, 2016 meeting were distributed. Greg Holzer corrected the minutes to read that YHS students would be planting coneflower, not bluegrass in the butterfly habitat. Bob Drummond made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Second by Greg Holzer. All members present voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS:

Butterfly Waystation

Greg Holzer distributed copies of a grant application from the Service Learning Action Fund. The fund will provide up to \$1000 for experiential learning for Indiana school projects. The butterfly waystation project would qualify so he will be applying for the grant. He will need to add the cost of potting soil to the original budget he presented last month. Vicki Craig stated that the YHS class of 1966 would like to purchase a park bench to install near the butterfly habitat.

NEW BUSINESS:

Parks Master Plan Update

Dan Lake distributed information from the 2015 Citizen's Survey and a sample Parks Survey for review. Parks and recreation came in third place of most important things in Yorktown from the Citizen's Survey results. The Park Board reviewed the sample park survey and made a few changes. Dan will be creating the survey through Survey Monkey and plans to post it for two weeks. It will be published on the Town's website, in the e-newsletter, and through the school's flash email. At the February 8 meeting we will be reviewing the goals and objectives from the old parks plan. The new plan needs to be completed by April 15.

BSU Art Project

Jon Myrick met with representatives of the Yorktown Arts Council, BSU, and Pete Olson to discuss plans for another project. They would like this year's project to be placed in Morrow's Meadow. Jon stressed to them that this project should be an art/playscape and that the Park Board will have more input this year. Vicki Craig would like to make sure that the final result will be closer to the model than last year's example. There was a discussion about where the item could be placed since Morrow's Meadow lies in the flood plain.

Community Easter Egg Hunt

Jeff Gant has contacted the Town to host an Easter egg hunt in Morrow's Meadow again this year. He would like it to be on Saturday, April 15. He will pay for everything and do all the work; he would just like to use the park for free. All members voted aye to allow use of the park for the event.

Library Summer Reading Program

The Yorktown Library would like to host their reading program at the large pavilion in Morrow's Meadow for the following Wednesdays: June 7,14,21,28, and July 10. All members voted aye to allow the use of the pavilion on those dates at no charge.

Move May 10, 2017 Meeting

The May meeting needs to be changed to Tuesday, May 23, 2017. It will be a joint meeting with the Arts Council to approve the design of the art project. The BSU class doesn't begin until May 15 and it is only a 6 week class so they will need approval quickly to begin construction and get the project completed before the class is over for the summer. Location of the meeting will be determined at a later date.

Other Items

Erin Hurley has been contacted by the American Heart Association who would like to host a run/walk at Morrow's Meadow on April 29. They have reserved Morrow's Meadow and will pay the \$300 fee. They have received a grant from Kohl's to put two teams in the walk, but if there is an environmental component their grant would double. The Park Board will consider a proposal for a project in the park if the Heart Association submits ideas.

Election of Officers

Bob Drummond moved to elect Jon Myrick as President. Second by Vicki Craig. All ayes. Bob Drummond moved to elect Vicki Craig as Vice President. Second by Greg Holzer. All ayes. Bob Drummond moved to elect Peg Flanagan as Secretary. Second by Jon Myrick. All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.

The next meeting will be February 8, 2017 at 5:30 pm.