

Park Board Minutes  
July 27, 2016

Nancy Taplin, Donna Vermillion, Malarie Pearce, Phil Rafalski, and Mary Ann Holston were present, along with guests Steve Ruby and Steve Voytko. Nancy called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Mary Ann made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 29th meeting, seconded by Malarie. Minutes were accepted.

**Old Business:**

Slip and Slide Fund Raiser -- Josh Schweizer of the NCFD had water and volunteers available, but felt the plastic sheets and sandbags were unsafe. Malarie could not locate any place that rents a slide as big as we need. Therefore, there will be no slip and slide event this year. The board discussed purchasing one so we could have several fundraising events next year. Since there is no water supply at Bourissa Hills yet, we would still need the fire department to assist with the water. Steve Ruby gave us the information he found to purchase a slide – the company is Funair.com and the contact person is Scott Webster. The slide comes in 25-foot sections and would cost \$1796 for 100 feet or \$2245 for 125 feet.

Splash Pad -- Ken Carter will meet with a company representative on August 3 at 10:00 a.m. at Memorial Park to discuss location and cost estimates. Park Board members are invited to attend this meeting also.

**New Business:**

Concerts in the Park -- Steve Voytko supplied the schedule for the Concerts in the Park.

Remaining Budget -- The 2016 budget has a balance of \$6000 in Park Equipment and \$9400 in Capital Outlays that needs to be spent this year. Based on the Master Plan, one option is to make the gazebo at Memorial Park ADA compliant. Steve Ruby suggested using wood decking rather than concrete for a lower cost. It may be possible to use the NPHS building trades class to assist in the build. Malarie will contact Building Commissioner Bob Middlebrook for information on how to go about achieving the ADA compliance. Another option is to make the kiosk for Memorial Park to identify the memorials of the trees, benches, et cetera.

Park Maps -- Malarie offered to print maps of the town and the parks to use at our meetings.

**Public Comments:**

Steve Voytko spoke about the proposed electronic sign; Nancy told him the board had voted against putting the sign at Memorial Park. Steve also said that as a result of the street projects, many trees are being removed. He would like a recommendation from the Parks Board to the Town Board to replace these trees with 1.5 trees for every tree removed. The board agreed to make this recommendation; Malarie will bring in examples from other towns.

Steve said the Town Board has a grant writer they hire on a project basis; he suggested this may be a good resource for the Parks Board to use for grant writing. He also said MACOG is working on a plan for connectivity (bike trails) from here to Michigan. He feels this is something the board should be aware of and involved in – he will get information to Nancy.

Phil made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Donna. Meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 31, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

