

Park Board Minutes
September 28, 2016

Nancy Taplin, Donna Vermillion, Malarie Pearce, Dan Vermillion, Phil Rafalski and Mary Ann Holston were present, along with guest Steve Ruby. Nancy called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. at Memorial Park. Mary Ann made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 31st meeting, seconded by Phil. Minutes were accepted.

Old Business:

Gazebo at Memorial Park -- Malarie met with Larsen Danielson and they are working on a quote for the ramp and railings. She is also waiting to hear back from Keith Hite about the Building Trades class at NPHS volunteering labor for the project. She will forward the information to the board when she receives it.

Jason Quirk met with Nancy to check on the electric; the electrical system and lights are good. He will replace the outlet covers. The speakers do not work; however, most people who use the gazebo for performances bring their own speakers. Jason did not feel it was worth the expense to purchase new ones, as there are also concerns about vandalism.

Jason said the irrigation system works; John Mrozinski told Dan that it does not work. Dan will check with both of them again to get a definite answer.

Splash Pad -- The chosen location at Memorial Park will not work because the school corporation's fiber optic cables are buried there. Dan talked to Jared and Bill Schalliol about getting financial support from St. Joe Energy. They said the new company will be willing to pay for the entire splash pad, but we must have a definite plan in place before approaching them. They may even cover the cost if we need to purchase additional land. After discussion, the board decided to work together with the New Prairie Little League and the school corporation to develop a plan that will benefit all three entities. This could involve purchasing land for new Little League fields and using the current fields as park land if the school is willing to sell the land to the town. There will be a planning meeting with the three groups on October 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the New Carlisle Methodist Church. Nancy will contact the school and Little League representatives.

Tree Replacement -- This issue is on hold for now; the Town Board did not have time to work on it in September. Jared recommended a one for one replacement. When they do make a decision, it will be a policy not an ordinance (an ordinance would involve a fine). Dan will let the Park Board know when the work session is scheduled.

No New Business

Phil made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mary Ann. Meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.