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*TOWN OF SHELBY*  
*Parks and Vacant Land Committee Minutes*

DATE & TIME: September 14, 2016, 6:21pm

LOCATION: Shelby Town Hall Meeting Room

PRESENT: Tim Ehler, Terri Schlichenmeyer, Jean Wiggert, Gene Roberts, Diana Birnbaum, Steve Brubaker

1.) Meeting called to order at 6:21pm by Tim Ehler

2.) Motion by Birnbaum, second by Roberts to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2016 meeting  
Motion passed.

3.) Update on the new shelter in Mormon Coulee Park. We are looking at changes to the plan, following a meeting with the Lions Club later in the week – in particular, changes to the bathrooms (but no skylights). Wiggert suggested ways to include the skylights for more light in the rooms but Ehler said that it was feared that they might not be energy efficient and they could be broken into. It was agreed to look at them anew to see if there might be a way to include smaller skylights above both bathrooms.

Also: MCP discussion on Frisbee Golf: the baskets are up now but there has been little new traffic and usage has slowed. Roberts said that the arborvitaes are nice but not conducive to kids' sledding, the season of which is coming. Ehler agreed to look into that, since sledding in that area (where the arborvitaes are) has been "tradition" for a long time. Complaints have slowed and Frank Fisher seems to be happy with the conclusion he's gotten.

New issue: Frisbee Golf players want a challenge, although walkers take priority, which ties in with signage (to remind players as such). It was suggested that we look at Viroqua's Frisbee Golf course for possible guidance. This will bear more attention when the new shelter goes in.

4.) Some Parks Committee members are up for renewal. Ehler spoke to each person in turn to give them a date of anniversary; Schlichenmeyer was the only one imminently up for renewal; it would be taken care of at the next Town Board Meeting.

5.) Updates / possible Budget Items for 2017:

- It was agreed that we have enough basketball hoops in MCP. Tennis courts in MCP need another look, to see which ones need resurfacing.
- Soccer nets in Pammel Creek Park are getting a lot of use.
- The question was asked if we can use the other side of PCP. The DNR needs to be queried on this before we make any further plans, due to a possible endangered species there.

- Discussion was on PCP bathrooms / shelter. The project is being done partly by the Town and partly by SYB. This led to a discussion on the PCP residents query in the last newsletter; Ehler agreed to go to the webmaster and ask for better notice on the Town website before any further progress on the PCP bathrooms are done; also, he will inquire about a specific email that residents can contact (and that Parks Committee Members can access), and possibly emails for individual member usage.
- Suggestion was made for a pickleball court in the Township. Discussion on parking issues in and near parks. Birnbaum said that many cars were parking near her area, where they should not be. It has been suggested that the parks close at 9pm and reopen at 5am; that is under review and the Town is still “entertaining” the gate idea. It was agreed that, at the very least, there needs to be signage that is better than what the parks have now – which includes signage on trails that are closed for the evening.
- Central High School may still get involved with Pheasant Park
- Discussion on dirt for cross-country skiing, and whether or not it was available. Also, discussion on bike trails; Roberts agreed to discuss them with T.Candahl to review what is happening and where attention needs to be directed.
- For the agenda at the next meeting: Roberts requested discussion on having quarterly meetings, rather than monthly, as there does not seem to be a need for monthly meetings.

6.) Next meeting is October 12 2016 at 5:30 pm. At that meeting, the Parks Board will collate the results of the resident parks survey from last spring.

7.) Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Minutes by Terri Schlichenmeyer 9/14/16