

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

DATE & TIME: Thursday August 4th, 2015 6:30 PM

LOCATION: Shelby Town Hall Meeting Room

PRESENT: Tim Ehler, Josh Blum, Jean Wiggert, Terri Schlichenmeyer and Gene Roberts

ALSO PRESENT: Jeff Brudos, Town Administrator

1. Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM by Tim Ehler
2. Motion by Roberts, second by Wiggert to approve the minutes of the February 12th, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.
3. Charlie Cameron presented a plan for the Disk Golf course in Mormon Coulee Park. There was a discussion on the course with some concerns expressed by the neighbors regarding hole placement. The concerns were addressed and were resolved. Discussion on hole markings and tee “boxes”, course length and advertising the course. Development of the course will not require much tree or dirt work to be done to the park. Committee expressed their support for the project.
4. Steve Mader, Jerry Kramer and Jerry Kendhammer, representing Mormon Coulee Lions, appeared relating to the replacement of the enclosed shelter in Mormon Coulee Park. The Lions are interested in cost sharing with the Town for a new facility. A preliminary plan and cost estimates were given to the Committee. Discussion on building style and size, building location, year round facility or seasonal, other possible uses of the building, flood plain, relocation of playground equipment and septic system. Motion by Blum, second by Roberts to recommend continuing study of the project. Motion carried. (Existing shelter has a foot print of 32’ X 60’, 1920 square feet, porch is 12x60.) Added after meeting, for information.
5. Discussion on an offer by a resident to provide access to the Town land located on the bluff west of Wedgewood Valley, from Joy Lane. Several members of the Committee will view and walk the parcel to determine if it may be used for access.
6. Discussion on a request to hold a wedding in the Arbor Hills Park, and also a discussion on a wedding policy for Mormon Coulee Park. Items discussed were noise concerns, toilet facilities, alcohol use, wedding vs. reception, parking concerns, allow small weddings and not large ones, and use of the park by others during a wedding ceremony. Motion by Roberts, second by Blum to table the discussion on a wedding policy and research what other communities allow. Motion carried. Motion by Blum, second by Roberts to deny the request for a wedding in the Arbor Hills Park due to the size of the event, parking concerns, toilet concerns and the general logistics of having an event like that in a small park. Motion carried.
7. Discussion on the Hwy 14/61/35 Intersection. The State DOT is starting to plan for the reconstruction of the facility and the Town should be aware of the plan and how the intersection will interact with bike and walk ways in the area. The project is scheduled for construction in 2022. Discussion on the Hwy 14/61 bike trail plan from several years ago.
8. Discussion on requests for additional park equipment for the park in Wedgewood Terrace off of Shorewood Drive, and the Hills of Home Park. Committee members to view the parks. Town staff to look at what short term improvements can be completed to the two parks.
9. Committee was updated on the two new developments in the Town and the land being dedicated for public use in the developments.
10. The LAPC, thru La Crosse County has awarded a contract to MSA for the Bluffland Study.
11. Discussion on the Town’s walking trails.
12. A survey to be taken of the Committee members to determine when the next meeting will be. Option included September 8,9,10,15 or 16.
13. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.