

Minutes of the Town of Ogden Dunes Park Board Meeting July 15, 2015

In attendance (Board Members): Eric Jensen, Tim Nelson, Brad Wood, Jason Hinman

In attendance (Public): Ed Rooks, Dan Manas

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Brad moved to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2015 meeting. Eric seconded the motion. The minutes of the May 20, 2015 meeting were approved by unanimous vote of all present.

Financial Report

The Board reviewed the financial reports and found no substantial change compared to the prior months' reports.

Public Comment by Ed Rooks and Dan Manas

Mr. Ed Rooks and Mr. Dan Manas (collectively referred to as "They" in the following section) presented a number of comments and opinions to the Board, including the following:

- The Long Lake Tennis Courts are the Town's most importance and valuable park asset. The courts are now 35-40 years old and require substantial attention and investment to keep them in good condition. The Park Board used to reserve \$5,000 - \$10,000 per year in a fund to keep the tennis courts maintained.
- They recommend formation of volunteer groups to deal with ongoing needs at the tennis courts and elsewhere.
- They had concerns about the Street Department's mowing and other practices due to the failure to mow between the blue spruce trees bordering the tennis courts as well as other matters.
- They identified several specific landscaping and maintenance needs, including a fallen branch on the north side of the tennis courts, as well as weeds and vines on certain trees. They recommend that mulch be spread between the blue spruce trees and replacement of the blue spruce tree that was removed in 2014.
- The tennis courts are showing wear. New nets need to be ordered if they cannot locate a spare net in storage.
- They recommend creation of an annual maintenance plan to keep track of specific maintenance jobs and the timing thereof. They also recommend that the Park Board considers what fundraising opportunities are available in light of the current funds budgeted by the Town for the Park Board.

Old Business

Maintenance and Landscaping: The Board continued its discussion of various maintenance requirements and performance of maintenance services by the Street Department. Eric and Brad each reported on their communications with Mr. Matthys and others regarding Street Department services for the Town and Park Board. The Board will continue its efforts to create a maintenance plan and to find the most cost efficient way of implementing the plan.

Installation of New Balance Beam at Long Lake Park: The Board discussed an additional invoice from the installer of the new balance beam at Long Lake Park. The Board authorized payment of the additional \$150 to Kidstuff or its third party installer for the installation cost.

New Business

Signage at Tennis Courts: In response to public requests, the Board authorized the purchase of at least two (2) “No Dog” or “No Animal” signs to be placed by the tennis court fence gates. These signs are required to deter the practice of allowing dogs to run or play on the tennis courts.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. by unanimous vote of all present.