

Stockton Springs Parks Committee

Minutes of April 18, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Teddi Hickey called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Teddi Hickey and members Bonnie Brooks, Barb Coulter, Ruth Lane, Lorna

Russell, Pat Snyder. Also in Attendance: Lesley Cosmano, Selectman

APPROVAL OF October 19, 2015 MINUTES: Motion was made, seconded, approved

SELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman – Teddi Hickey

Recording Secretary – Ruth Lane

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

1. Trail Signs – Bonnie presented an idea for a new sign to replace the broken one. She also noted that other signs and trail markers are in need of replacement or maintenance due to winter damage. Signs would cost about \$100.00 each. Bonnie and Bob will donate the one sign that borders their property. Lorna commented that the trail signs need to be in keeping with the 'woody' look and appeal of the surroundings. After a lengthy discussion, Teddi directed Bonnie to present a pencil & paper sketch of her design to Marnie for final approval.

2. New Bridge – Lorna said she planned to paint the railings of the new bridge brown so they would blend in with the surroundings. Lesley reminded the members that the bridge is Town property and permission for painting needed to come from Marnie. Teddi will speak to Marnie about this.

3. Benches – still on the 'to do' list

4. Brochures – top priority. Karen MacDonald will be out of town so Lorna will do

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Beach - sharp, metal debris surfaced from under the sand and poses a danger for those walking/playing on the beach. Teddi will ask Marnie to alert the Town Highway Department and ask if they can help with removal.

2. Downed trees – Bob Brooks has taken care of several trees downed on the trails. Teddi noted there are several more trees leaning precariously across trails that need

attention. Lesley said the Parks Committee is already \$1,000 over Budget so any professional tree work by an arborist will need to be postponed until after July 1, 2017 when the new budget goes into effect. If the position of the leaning trees causes a danger, the section of the trail may need to be closed or 'caution' signs put in place. Teddi will take this issue to Marnie.

3. Jeff Davis's Column – Lesley noted that in two recent newspaper articles Jeff Davis mentioned the Friends of Sandy Point as a group that takes care of Sandy Point Beach. In an effort to recruit more members to the Parks Committee, she asked Lorna who these people are. Lorna said no such group exists and suggested Lesley contact Jeff for information.

4. Sandy Point Bathroom: It will be opened for Memorial Day

5. Clean-up Day – Members were asked to meet at Veterans Park, Wednesday, May 25th, 10:00 a.m. to get the area ready for the Memorial Day celebration.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, June 13, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Lesley Cosmano, Acting Secretary for Ruth Lane