

TWIN OAKS PARK COMMITTEE MEETING
AT THE TWIN OAKS PARK PAVILION
TWIN OAKS, MISSOURI - JULY 9, 2009, 7 PM

AGENDA

****SPECIAL NOTE: DRIVE BY BIG BEND AT 141 TO VIEW NEW VILLAGE BANNER PRIOR TO MEETING!****

1. Call to Order
2. Review of June 11, 2009 Meeting Minutes
3. Park Related Board Actions - Paul Brockmann
4. Election of Vice Chairman
5. Sealing park benches
6. Critique of June Events:
 - A. Movie Night
 - B. Volunteer Day
 - C. Concert & Fireworks
 - D. Banner selection
7. Input at Public Grant Meeting – Future Playground Wish List
8. Church hillside landscape planning
9. Movie night - July 17th
10. Family Fun Day
11. Progress Report on Rose Garden Improvements
12. Update on Landscaping and General Condition of the Park
12. Progress report on Playground Safety Report
13. Bruce Vawter invoicing
14. Potpourri
15. Adjournment

ANY PERSON NEEDING HANDICAPPED ACCESS MAY REQUEST ACCOMMODATION BY CALLING THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT LEAST 36 HOURS IN ADVANCE. THE NUMBER TO CALL IS 636-225-6996.

Minutes of Park Committee Meeting
July 9, 2009 at Twin Oaks Park Pavillion @ 7pm

The meeting was called to order @7:05pm by Lisa Eisenhauer. Members present were Carol Ogier, Dennis Whitmore, Kate Kennedy, the Slama Family, Kathy Yahl(Village Admn.), Bruce Vawter (landscape consultant), and Paul Brockman. Members Donna King and Mary Young arrived later.

Dennis made a motion to approve the June 11, 2009 meeting minutes as submitted, Carol seconded and none opposed. Therefore the minutes were approved. 4- 0

Park related board actions: opened with Paul Brockmann speaking. He suggested that the staff be more involved with the Park Board in planning events. He stated that the Village staff started out with an in-home office with a part-time employee and now has 4 professional staff members. Over the past several years, the number of volunteers has decreased and this is the time to have the staff give more support to the Park Committee in planning these events. Brockmann stated he still wants the Committee to do everything they have done in the past, but need to include the staff in these projects and events in order to have continuity throughout the Village. Ogier asked what that meant. It was clearly stated that this is meant to be "helpers not decision makers". Eisenhauer stated that what she is hearing is that nothing really changes except the Committee will now have more support. Slama suggested that a member from the Park Committee be selected to Chair each event to work with the Village Administrator to coordinate contracts, bidding, certificates of insurance, etc. Eisenhauer stated that the Park Committee would like to discuss this further among themselves at a later time. Ray commented on the time spent putting up lights every time for these events and how difficult this is for him. Kate commented that she wasn't aware he didn't receive any help.

Yahl passed out information for the park binders to the Committee members to include her notes from the last park meeting and confirmed that all discussed had been completed.

Ogier asked if any decision was made to discuss updates to the Autumn Leaf Entrance and Chairman Brockmann answered no.

Banner selection: Sample just too small to make good viewing for everyone to judge by. Lisa suggested rethinking and trying for a bigger, realistic sample before making a decision. Kathy will investigate this with company.

Election of Vice Chariman: Carol nominated Dennis W. to serve in this position and the nomination was seconded by Kate. Vote yea 4, nae 0. Dennis Whitmore elected as Vice Chairman.

Sealing park benches: Lisa reviewed her discussions with the manufacture of the sealant used on the wood and provided sheets of info re: same. Their bid to clean the woodwork would be \$400.00. Upon discussion a motion was made by Ogier as follows: Have Ray and Cindy Slama find stain color samples for the wood, have Administrator Yahl find an exterior painting company to stain the benches first and then coordinate the power washing and staining so it is done one right after the other. Whitmore seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Critique of June events:

Movie nite: 32 attended, good but would like to see more.

Volunteer Day: Just too hot and not many showed up, good suggestions shared by those there.

July 3rd: Nicolette's had wonderful comments about their crowd on that day and how business was increased. Photographers loved it. Great crowd comments, even with the wind shifting and creating some difficulties with fall out. One man burnt by ember, refused care. 2 "fireballs" were seen. Insurance coverage adequate for event and emergencies. Discussed adding the following for next year-having fire extinguishers and first aid kit on hand, hire off-duty EMS staff to be in the park during event, purchase batteries and 6 more lights for portable restrooms, add 2 additional speakers to mix, turn 1 speaker in pavillion to face volleyball court. Board agreed to use same fireworks company again. Mary Young will bring suggestions for new bands to next meeting. Board discussed expanding the event so 2 different bands play. All agreed date should stay July 3 with rain date July 5. Ray suggested adding "day of fun" on this day but many members felt it was just too much.

Mom's Day Out-only 2 other families attended, but want to continue and plan for Saturdays instead.

Advertising-The Committee discussed advertising for the events and it was agreed that yard signs should be purchased to advertise to the residents as a reminder and for better attendance. Discussion of a ground banner for the park was discussed, but no action was taken.

Public grant meeting: 10 – 12 attended, a lot of discussion of many items. One person in complete disagreement of “new” additions to park, suggestion we “use what we have”: Kathy putting survey on website of village residents for park use before the next public meeting on Wed, August 12, 7pm, for more public input. SWT did an excellent job of giving samples of various types of playground equipment, spray parks, erosion landscapes, woodland gardens and plantings for such areas.

Church hillside: Bruce clarified property lines in leased area. Suggested removing scrubby stuff like honeysuckle but would possibly increase erosion. Ideas were shared re:controlling water. Currently, what’s there is serving purpose and we like buffer. It is possible to do it in phases of removal/replacement. Would definitely need irrigation. . Ogier agreed with Vawter’s thoughts of starting another screening. Kennedy stated she’d rather see the Rose Garden updated as that is something everyone in the park sees. Eisenhower asked how the plantings would be done and it was determined that it would be part of a master plan.

Movie night July 17th: many members will be out of town. Screen set by by John and Dennis will do the popcorn. Eric will bring machine out to pavilion. As there would be no lights in Slama’s absence, it was suggested that a notice to the residents to bring flashlights be sent out. Signs needed to advertise event!

Rose garden improvements: Kathy had sample drawings of types of walls. Kate suggested not using mortared type to maintain “natural” feel of park. The drawings looked “formal”, residential. Kathy will get 3rd bid. Ray feels \$\$ is issue and suggested that something else be planted there that might do well with all the water that flows through there and move the roses elsewhere. Carol and Kate very opposed to moving roses due to the “pop” value they have in that location. Bruce stated no where else has as much sun which roses need. Ray asks is it is worth the \$\$. Lisa, Kate, Carol, Dennis all stated yes! Carol feels \$\$ is there. Dennis suggested getting more bids and set parameters for those bids to potential companies.

Vegetation in the Pond: Eisenhower stated that the staff needed to research getting rid of the algae in the pond. Ogier asked if the Fishing Signs were posted and Yahl confirmed that they were. Eisenhower stated that we will need to confirm no chemicals affect the fish.

Progress report on playground report: Looking for certain replacement parts still. Caulking, mulch and other items done. Lisa suggested lifting swing set seats on big swings now that mulch is higher level. Dennis showed members drawings of themes for new equipment just to get an idea of what members would like to see. This prompted comments from Ray who felt that there has not been enough research on the overall aspect of buying equipment and that this was jumping the gun. He feels that not enough companies have been sought to get best value. Dennis, Carol and Kate had comments on the background research they have done to this point. Kate pointed out that this was merely to get suggestions on themes and not to make a motion of buy. Discussion was tabled until next meeting due to late hour.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:24pm. Motion by Lisa, 2nd by Carol, vote 6 – 0.

Our next meeting will be Thurs August 13th at 7pm in the park.

Approved this 15th day of May, 2010

ATTEST:


Park Committee Secretary
Kate Kennedy


Park Committee Chairperson
Lisa Eisenhauer