

Town of Bell Parks and Lands Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 3, 2024 - 9:30 am @ Cornucopia Community Center

Committee members present: Doug Becker, Richard Dunn, Gina Emily, Supervisor Paul Ehlers

Absent: Gordon Anderson, Greg Weiss

Others present: Judy Kerr, Judy Becker, Yvette Fleming

Chair Doug Becker called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Old Business:

1. Motion was made by G. Emily, seconded by R. Dunn to approve the April, 2024 minutes.
Passed.
2. Budget review: no update
3. Maintenance Update:
 - a. Beach Bathroom Maintenance:
 - i. D. Becker painted the floor on the men's side; women's side will be this week, temperature permitting.
 - ii. D. Becker continues to work with Dustin Danula to replace the doors with commercial fiberglass ones.
 - b. Playground Equipment:
 - i. Replacement of 10 2X4 boards around the Community Center playground and equipment painting still awaiting better weather. Y. Fleming suggested plastic landscaping edging as a possibility.
 - c. Community Center Outside Lighting: no update.
 - d. Swenson Pavilion & Well:
 - i. Estimate from D. Danula for roofing both the Swenson Pavilion and the well structure plus building a platform over the cement floor in the Pavilion came to around \$13,000. Information was forwarded to the Town Chair for approval.
 - ii. D. Becker will meet with Town Chair to discuss gravel approaches around the outside of the Pavilion.
 - iii. Harbor Commission was given permission to take 2 of the old tables.
 - iv. New tables will be assembled soon.
4. Campground Maintenance:
 - a. D. Becker inspected campground. 3-4 unpainted tables need maintenance. They will be painted within the next few weeks, weather permitting.
 - b. Fire Rings will be cleaned out.

5. PortaPotties: 2 rental PortaPotties for campground and 1 for the Superior Avenue beach area were installed. R. Dunn will pin down the beach unit against heavy Lake winds.
6. Siskiwit Lake Boat Launch:
 - a. Donation box will be mounted this weekend.
 - b. R. Dunn recommended upgrading the launch's pier in 2025 as it is deteriorating.
7. Boats Don't Float Preservation:
 - a. Paul Ehlers will request Town's permission to build a post and steel roof structure over the "Liberty". Volunteers will erect it. R. Dunn made a motion that this Committee endorse the structure with costs paid by the Save The Boats fund; seconded by G. Emily. Passed. Thanks were made to P. Ehlers for spearheading this project.
 - b. Coverings/applications for the 3 older boats is still being pursued.
 - c. Beach signs: G. Emily continues to seek feedback from the original sign organization.
8. Outdoor Exercise County Grant:
 - a. Y. Fleming reported that the grant application was finally accepted by the County and grant awards will be made on May 5.
9. Leopold Benches:
 - a. D. Becker is still investigating.
10. Flowing Well Recycle Container: P. Ehlers is working with the County to acquire a replacement.

New Business:

1. Breakwall Maintenance: R. Dunn will inspect Life Rings.
2. Superior Avenue Beach Benches: D. Becker will inspect and repair as weather permits. R. Dunn reported that one was damaged.
3. Other:
 - a. R. Dunn noted that the posts and boundary ropes around the old cemetery near the Lost Creek Trailhead need maintenance. The sign is damaged by age.
 - b. J. Kerr will check with G. Anderson and Jesse Kaseno about lighting behind the Community Center.
 - c. J. Kerr reported that the Town Cemetery roads need repair. R. Dunn will inspect.
4. Next meeting: Friday May 31, 2024 at 9:30 am at the Community Center.

Motion was made to adjourn by R. Dunn, seconded by G. Emily; passed at 10:40 am.