

TOWN OF PERRY PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
7:30 PM, May 29, 2007
Perry Town Hall

Present: Mick Klein Kennedy, Gary Boley, Don Mueller, Dominic Haag and Phoebe Blackman.

Also in attendance: Linda Bluschke, Ken Bartz and Pat Downing

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 PM.

Approval of Minutes from November 28, 2006

Gary moved, Mick seconded. Minutes approved 5-0.

Welcome Parks and Open Space Committee's new members, salute outgoing chair, select new chair

The committee welcomed new member Dominic Haag, new member Laura Morland was unable to attend. On behalf of the committee, Gary thanked outgoing chair Mick Klein Kennedy for all of his hard work for the benefit of Perry Township on the POSC; Mick thanked the committee for their efforts as well as for keeping the tone of meetings fun and good humored. Gary Boley was nominated chair by Phoebe, seconded by Don, elected by a 4-1 vote with Gary dissenting. He accepted the chair on a temporary basis until the full committee meets in June.

Review/ comments on Town of Perry Park and Open Space Plan and its relationship to the Town of Perry Comprehensive plan, and Historic Preservation Commission

The committee discussed the need to re-examine the POSP as the Dane County Parks and Open Space Plan 2006-2011 was recently completed (<http://www.countyofdane.com/lwr/parks/plandev.asp>). Gary will provide copies of the new Dane County Plan at the next meeting.

Perry chair Pat Downing spoke to the committee with reference to progress on the tasks recommended in the Town of Perry Park and Open Space Plan and in the Town of Perry Comprehensive plan. He referred to pgs. 67 and 68 of the Comprehensive Plan and specifically designated the POSC as responsible for the following assignments:

- Consider developing a lighting ordinance to protect "dark night skies".
- Explore opportunities to promote a natural sanctuary in the Town.
- Work with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Board to designate the Town of Perry as part of a southwestern grassland management area.
- Identify land areas of concern to assure protection of wildlife habitats and prairie, woodland remnants and pine relic land areas.
- Define and identify significant viewsheds in the Town of Perry.

- Consider the development of a Scenic Easement Program along Town highways and roads in areas where views and vistas may be impacted by development.
- Develop educational materials encouraging new builders to plan structures that are sensitive to the rural character of the town.
- Develop a scenic views and vistas protection program.

Mick Klein Kennedy spoke to the committee about items to consider, highlighting some of the above-mentioned tasks, specifically grassland management designation and viewshed identification. He recommended encouraging participation in Tier 1 Stream management project areas and Priority watershed projects.

Linda Bluschke spoke to the committee about the possibility of producing educational materials for developers considering building in Perry, in the form of a brochure or material on the Town website, that would be more accessible than the plans and ordinances.

The committee will include Downing's assignments on the June agenda for consideration and to set priorities.

Report from the Friends of the Parks of Perry Township

- **Daleyville Park:** The president of the Friends Mick Klein Kennedy discussed the ongoing effort to provide playground equipment for the park now that Daleyville residents have expressed an interest. He will provide Kay Watson, who is spearheading the process, with materials from Landscape Structures Company (<http://www.playlsi.com/>) represented in Mount Horeb by Gerber Leisure. Gary suggested the committee meet with Daleyville residents, perhaps inviting input from the kids, to discuss the possibilities.

Comments from the PHPC

There were no comments.

Comments from Town of Perry residents

There were no comments.

Consideration of any action or revisions for POSP

This item was determined to have been adequately covered in Agenda Item 4.

Review work to take place in parks for 2007

- **Hauge Park:** Friends group will mow and maintain trails consistent with Hauge Park Management Plan on east side of Highway Z. Brad Grundahl is mowing SW side for prairie establishment with a perimeter trail. Maintenance tasks also include brush cutting in lower SW corner and fence removal along the old Boley property on the northwest side of Highway Z.

Recommendations to the Town Board

Recommend to the Perry Town Board that they authorize the Friends group to accomplish the tasks as detailed above.

Phoebe moved, Dominic seconded, Motion carried 4 – 0

There was discussion of the need to investigate the town's insurance coverage to determine if it is adequate for playground equipment.

Schedule Future Meetings

June 26th 2007 at 6:00 PM

Any other business properly presented

Pat Downing requested a map of Hauge Park for the Town Hall.

Motion to adjourn was made by Phoebe, seconded by Dominic. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM.