

TOWN OF PERRY PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
6:00 PM November 8, 2010
Perry Town Hall

Present: Don Mueller, Laura Morland, Stephanie Accardo

Also in attendance: Mick Klein Kennedy

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 PM.

1. **Approval of Minutes from March 16, 2010** Laura noticed that Renaye Leach's name was not included in attendance, but provided comments. Laura proposed revising to reflect this. Laura recommended acceptance with modification to add Renaye as an attendee, Don seconded. Stephanie abstained. The minutes were approved as noted.
2. **Welcome new member – Stephanie Accardo.** Stephanie lives in Daleyville. Stephanie asked if the meetings are monthly. Don said they typically are, but fell off this summer. We need three for a quorum, and it's difficult with people's schedules to obtain this.
3. **Review of the Parks and Open Space Plan Updates.** Laura put together the draft chapters of the plan the committee has been working on including appendices. She brought hardcopies for the committee members to review. She noted that there are still a few items that need to be finalized, which are shown in red text. Since it was not distributed prior to the meeting, it was decided that rather than going through document page by page, the committee would read and at the next meeting go through comments with intent of finalizing a draft for submittal to the Township for adoption.

There was brief discussion of the approval process. Laura will check with Mary Price, town clerk, but the general thought was that once the committee had a final draft, an agenda item could be added to the Town Board meeting for Board Adoption. The next board meeting is December 14. Efforts will be made to try to get this Draft finalized to be on that meeting agenda or one following.

A few items needing answers/finalization include the status of the Town Comprehensive Plan. Mick Klein Kennedy thought it had been finalized. Laura said she'd sent an email to Mary Price asking for confirmation. There was a brief discussion of views and vistas protection, and how the current land use plan has criteria which includes consideration of views and vistas. Laura asked about the status of the land use plan revisions. Mick thought there would be a draft soon, possibly this November. As with the Parks and Open Space plan revision, all meetings on the land use plan revision have been open to the public. Laura asked about the status of the Transfer of Development Rights Policy. Since it is still in early stages and discussion in the township, the Parks and Open Space plan won't include

any references to the policy.

Mick suggested that a draft of the plan be sent to the Town Historic Preservation Committee for their comments. Don will send Darren Walker (current committee chair) email address to Laura so she can send him a copy.

4. **Discussion of the Daleyville Park playground equipment:** As Dominic was absent, Mick updated the committee. Mick explained to Stephanie that the park plan in Daleyville includes installation of a swing set which can be modularly added to. The initial cost is estimated around \$1600.00 (this cost may be out of date now). Dominic researched the equipment and talked to Kay Watson. The Town Board allowed the Friends of the Parks of Perry Township (Friends) to do fundraising for play equipment on the Town website. There is a display on the doors of the recycling center and one in the Town Hall with a collection can. To date, it looked like about \$12 in the town hall collection can. Money and local support is needed for this project to move forward. The Town applied for and received a community grant from Alliant Energy for \$300 which the Friends group will match. The Friends have some money and have offered up to \$600 if it is matched. It was suggested that Stephanie work to get support from local businesses. Possibilities include the Duluth Trading Company and Millers in Mt. Horeb. Stephanie will investigate on potential funding/contributions and report back.
5. **Update on the work progress of the Hauge Park:** Mick provided an update. The Township has acquired all land associated with the park (33 acres). He showed the November 2010 Park Plan. The entry road on the north has been built. A 4-strand wire fence has been built on the west and north sides and now there is a question about a gate on the west side which will need to be resolved. On the south parcel, the area has been restored as prairie and trails. Mick thought the north parcel would remain as an agricultural field for the near future, and neither Friends nor Town would be pursuing Dane County grants for future work. Friends will oversee future restorations. The intent of the park is passive use with trails. Mick mentioned the County adopted the same boundary as the Town's for a historic district and a federal designation may be pursued.
6. **Discussion of election of new committee members pending appointment of fifth member.** There was brief discussion on how to get a fifth member on the committee. No one had any suggestions, but Don asked that we continue to think of potential members. Don is the chairman. There is a need for a secretary with Phoebe leaving. Laura had volunteered to take notes for this meeting. Don nominated Laura for secretary. Stephanie seconded. Laura abstained. The nomination vote for Laura as secretary carried.
7. **Any other business properly presented** None
8. **Comments from the Friends of Perry in attendance.** Mick had contributed to the meeting as recorded. He encouraged membership in the Friends and said the

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annual meeting is typically scheduled for the third Saturday in June. The Friends brochures were shared with Stephanie.

9. **Comments from town residents in attendance** – Mick Klein Kennedy only resident in attendance.
10. **Schedule future meetings.** 6:00 PM Monday December 6, 2010. A discussion of park rules will be added to that agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.