

Minutes of the Town of Perry Parks and Open Space Committee Meeting  
July 12, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Lynette Gebben at 7:00 pm at the Perry Town Hall. Present were Jeff Kahl, Gerhard Leutschwager, Lynette Gebben, Doug King and Michele Kittleson. Also present were town residents Ken Bartz and Linda Blushke.

Whereas, the Committee is without a Chairperson due to the resignation of its previous Chairperson, whose term expired June 1, 2017, Gerhard nominated Doug King to be chairperson. Michele seconded the nomination. Lynette moved to close the nominations, Doug seconded. Doug King was unanimously elected to the position of Chairperson.

Gerhard moved to approve the minutes of the May meeting and to have them posted on the Town website. Lynette seconded and the motion carried.

Comments from Town residents.

Ken Bartz made several complaints about the town brochure: 1) he objected to the picture of Blue Mounds as seen from the Historic site that is on the front of the brochure and felt that it should be a picture of a sunset; 2) he felt that since the Memorial Circle is not constructed, the brochure should say "proposed" site of Memorial Circle and 3) once again complained about the use of the pictures of the Hauge Church that are on the back of the brochure. He suggested that gravel should be put in the designated parking area to make it more visible to guests.

(The committee agreed to put on the next agenda to consider adding an asterisk to the park map in the historic district park brochure indicating things that are "proposed" but not in the park yet and to consider graveling the parking area and maybe a sign so people know where to park.)

Linda Blushke asked when the park entrance sign was going to be put in. Doug will check with Mick Klein-Kennedy. She also asked what is to be done about visitors to the Park after sunset. The concern of both Ken and Linda was that youth would be having beer parties in the Park. Doug volunteered to check with the Dane County sheriff's office as to how rules are enforced in other County parks.

Linda also asked when Royce would be putting up the fire number sign in case there is an emergency in the Park. Doug will check with Royce.

The Town Chairman has appointed Kay Watson to replace Lynette on the Committee. Gerhard volunteered to remain on the committee another term.

It was noted that Madison Magazine picked the Hauge Historic Park as the number one place to watch a sunset in suburban Dane County.

Since the Committee members had read the report on the Town Board actions on Committee recommendation, they were not reread at this meeting and there were no questions.

Doug moved the Parks and Open Space Committee recommends that the Town Board approve an application to the Historic Preservation Commission for a Certificate of Appropriateness for small, one

foot tall, 1'x 2' park identification markers located on Town park property on the other side of the fence lines north, west and east of the Historic Site for the purposes of informing visitors to the Historic Site that the land surrounding the site is a public park, that it is named the "Hauge Historic District Park," that it is owned by the "Town of Perry," and that "visitors are welcome." Gerhard seconded. During discussion it was pointed out that the markers should go on the north, west and south. The wording was amended and the motion carried.

Doug moved the Parks and Open Space Committee recommends that the Town Board request the assistance of the Friends of the Parks of Perry to offer free tree trimming and brush cutting services at the appropriate times, based upon the species of trees, to the Hauge Log Church Preservation Association for two purposes: (1) maintaining the unobstructed view of Blue Mounds from the church building as required by the Town of Perry Historic District Preservation Plan and the Town of Perry Historic Preservation Ordinance, and (2) improving the views and vistas for visitors along the joint fence line between the Historic District Park and the Historic Site. Gerhard seconded. Discussion from the committee was that they felt this would be a gesture of reconciliation with the Preservation Association. Linda B voiced her objection to the motion. The motion carried.

Doug moved and Lynette seconded that the Parks and Open Space Committee recommends that the Town Board request the Perry Fundraising Coordinating Committee to: (1) consult with Pechmann Memorials Inc. to learn from their experience regarding the use of pavers and bricks as donation opportunities for fundraising; and (2) consult with the Town of Verona regarding Verona's Town Hall fundraising paver project to learn from any experience which could benefit the Perry Fundraising Coordinating Committee's fundraising efforts by using Memorial Circle pavers as a source of donations for retiring the Town's loan incurred for land acquisition and legal costs associated with protecting the Historic Site by surrounding it with a Historic District Park. Motion carried.

Ken B asked if there were any grave sites found in the Park. Doug referred him to the Town Board as the Committee had not received the report.

Linda B complained that the time (7:00-9:00 PM) published on the agenda was mis-leading. The Committee agreed that in the future the start time only would be published.

The next meeting of the Committee will be in mid to late September. Doug will send potential dates to the Committee.

Gerhard moved and Lynette seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Carried. Adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Kittleson

