

Village of Balsam Lake
Park/Dam Committee

February 20, 2013

6:00 pm to 7:15 pm

Meeting called to order by Caroline Rediske.

Members present: Caroline Rediske, Guy Williams, Chris Sondrol

Others present: Darryl Ince, Sheila Albrecht, David Knutson, Carl Holmgren, Debbie Schauer, Justin Thompson, Steve Rediske

Park Survey: Park Attendant Sheila Albrecht was present at the committee's request to provide input on any issues with the park. Items of concern were pet waste cleanup, Frisbee golf players intruding through campsites and hitting campers. Discussion was held on posting a set of rules. Developing a handicap campsite and paths to the restroom was discussed. Albrecht stated the park is used by handicap campers. David Knutson mentioned the change boxes for the showers are in bad shape.

Geese Away Order: In attendance was Justin Thompson who is donating geese control units as an Eagle Scout project. As the donation money for the units to be installed at the beach and boat landing have been received, it was agreed to proceed with placing the order of one floating water unit and one land unit. The committee expressed appreciation for the donation.

Concession Stand at Ball Park: Pros and cons of having a stand at the ball field were discussed. It was agreed not to pursue it at this time.

Dock at Mill Pond: The committee was exploring the possibility of putting a dock on the Mill Pond to be located on Mill Street. Debbie Schauer property owner of 405 Mill Street, directly across from the proposed site was in attendance. Schauer expressed concerns about a dock, including excess noise and garbage, the area being very shallow, weedy, mucky and parking issues. Discussion was held on the reasons for a dock at that location. As funding is not available at this point and in light of the concerns about a dock the subject is tabled.

Grant Progress: Chair Rediske updated the committee on the status of the grant application for Pine Park. Letters of support and donations are being received. Grant writer Cheryl Clemons requested additional information for the application. Members reviewed key points including water drainage through the park and developing a plan for a handicap camping site, handicap paths and a handicap parking spot. David Knutson volunteered to assist Caroline Rediske with a site plan needed for the grant application. Discussion was held on the restrictions/rules of the park and cost estimates of projects.

Motion by Chris Sondrol to adjourn. Seconded by Guy Williams. Carried.

Mary Kjeseth
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer