

Park Committee Meeting August 24, 2015

Meeting called to order at 6:18 PM

Present at the time were Ginger Halverson & Tom Cody. Zach Washa arrived at 6:43 PM

Meeting notice was posted on 8/18/15. Ginger made a motion that we are in compliance with open meeting laws. Tom seconded. Motion passed.

The grand stand bleacher area at the park was viewed for finish and structural integrity. Considering the structural bracing that has been completed to date, we feel the primary structure is salvageable. Some boards need replacing due to cracking and deterioration. The upper two rows could use one more 2x4 at the footrest area for fall protection. The railing and step areas seem OK. The roof shingles are in dire need of replacement. Could also consider a steel roofing option. Overall, the structure needs to be repainted, including the soffit and fascia. In the press box area, the graffiti is bad. Paint alone would not cover some of it. It would require a wood filler or other such treatment. The electrical wiring at the press box area seems dated and possibly not compliant with Code.

There are no open funds in the remaining 2015 park budget for new projects. Any improvements in the park would need to be estimated and included in future years' budgets.

The committee then reviewed the picnic tables. Consider adding labels to the square tables, stating that they should not be removed from the park, and are property of the Village of Highland. The maintenance of the tables looks very good. Thanks to the village staff and possible others that keep the tables up. Recommend that village residents can continue to use the non-square picnic tables off-site for no charge. Donations welcome. Must notify the village office or Board member.

The concession stand area was then reviewed for addition possibilities. The tree west of the current structure will pose challenges. Building addition would be very costly without a very successful outside campaign. Recommend extending the concrete west about 10', and the width of the sidewalk north and south. Extend the "road" west to end with the new concrete. Grade should allow this without railings. No shelter at this time. Concrete only.

The best location for a dog park would be north of the volleyball court parking lot, amongst the trees. Consider using fencing from the tennis court. Would need to discuss funding via separate fundraisers outside the park budget.

Table the lower diamond, field and dugout discussion for the entire Board, and representative from summer rec.

Ginger motioned to adjourn at 7:06 PM. Zach seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Cody