

## Open Space Task Force Minutes

September 14, 2015

Attendance: Pat Botteron, Louise Evans, Betty Warren, Carol Heffler, Roy Normen, Sue Larsen, Jeff Folger, Bart Pacekonis, George Caye, Herb Asplund, John Caldwell, Steve Wagner

Guest – Andy Paterna

Chair Pat Botteron opened the meeting at 5:35.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by those in attendance.

The minutes of the July 6th meeting were accepted.

### **Public Participation**

Andy Paterna came to the meeting to get our opinion on development rights in the Village District. Andy brought a map that showed the open space areas and discussed a linear park along the river. He investigated ownership of the properties and discovered Goodwin College has purchased land to do water studies on their eco ship. This would be a great partnership if this could come to pass. The task force members are in favor of development rights and have been for a long time.

### **New Business**

Steve Wagner reported that he would like a meeting of the Solar Committee on the 23<sup>rd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> of September. He has site visits planned. Steve was asked if Orchard Hill School would have solar panels but the school will have the wiring necessary to do at a later date.

Pat Botteron reported there was an assault on the Neiderwerfer property.

The Council will have on the agenda for Monday night the Community Garden on the Nelson property.

Jeff Folger reported that an RFP will be going out for the clearing of the Barton Property.

### **Old Business**

Heritage Day is October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Sue Larsen will drive the van. Pat Botteron will put the supplies in the van. Herb Asplund will help set up.

Carol 9:00 – 10:00   Louise 11:00 – 1:00   Betty 1:00 – 3:00   Bart 3:00 – 4:00

Sue Larsen and Bart Pacekonis will help with tear down and Sue will return the van.

Bart Pacekonis reported on the P&Z meeting that decided the Dzen property issue. The result was: The Town gave up 2 acres south of the barn and the Town got 2 acres on the top. Roy Norman was interested in any feedback from the Dzen's but there has not been any.

Jeff Folger reported that an RFP was going out on the Priest Property. It is based on the initial concept plan for the multi-use of the property. 20 bidders were given a walk through.

Pat Botteron saw a beautiful picture of the Major Donnelly Park at sunset. Pat asked about the bridges in the park and Jeff said they had all been rebuilt.

A question on naming the Barton Property was asked. The Town Council has a subcommittee that decides park names.

Roy Normen brought back up the sign issue at the Major Donnelly site near DQ. He wants another sign and says someone will pay for it. No action is necessary by the task force since sign permits must be given but Jeff Folger moved that the OSTF does not oppose an additional sign on the Major Donnelly Park near DQ. Betty Warren seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The review of the target property map was tabled till the next meeting.

A review of the Bylaws (Rules of Transactions) was done. The agenda will be changed so that the Pledge of Allegiance will be after the opening of the meeting. In the rules, Correspondence/Reports will be the 5<sup>th</sup> item and New Business will be the 7<sup>th</sup> item.

Carol Heffler moved to keep the current slate for another year. George Caye seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Betty Warren reported she had 159 signatures on the petition for the Community Garden on the Nelson property.

The next meeting will be October 5, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue W. Larsen, Secretary