

Open Space Task Force Minutes

November 13, 2017

Attendance: Pat Botteron, Louise Evans, Roy Normen, Sue Larsen, Bill Flagg, Herb Asplund, George Caye, Betty Warren

Guest: Joe Kennedy

Chair Pat Botteron opened the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by those in attendance.

The minutes of the October meeting were accepted.

Public Participation

Joe Kennedy came on behalf of SWALPAC to discuss a referendum proposal for the November 2018 election. The group generally felt it was a good idea to discuss this proposal. Joe mentioned \$1,000,000 but we felt \$2,000,000 was a better amount. We have gone for more money in the past such as \$4,000,000 in 1997 and 2005. The last referendum was in 2009 for \$2,000,000. Joe and Pat will meet and further discuss the referendum. Then, both SWALPAC and OSTF will join together on February 5th to get both groups to approve the referendum going before the council and requesting the referendum be placed on the ballot.

Correspondence

Betty Warren would like to send another letter to the 490 owners. We haven't sent one out since 2011. This time we should include gifting. This will go to SWALPAC to discuss also.

Pat received a new email address for Dave Romejko.

New Business

OSTF reviewed the calendar for 2018. We selected July 9th instead of July 2nd due to the July 4th holiday and vacations.

Pat will ask Jeff Folger when he returns from vacation, to send everyone the revision to the ordinance we approved at the last meeting.

Old Business

625 Clark Street is still in negotiation but at this point the price is too high. Matt Galligan will not pursue it right now. OSTF discussed the priority of this property and whether or not we should ask Galligan to pursue it. Pat will draft a letter stating that we feel it is a high priority and that the town should consider continuing the negotiations. If the price continues to be too high, we will have to give up.

Andy Paterna and Roy Normen still have not had the opportunity to meet to discuss a Town Council presentation. Roy has more material to review with Andy.

Other Business

The next meeting will be December 4, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue W. Larsen, Secretary