

Open Space Task Force Minutes

February 1, 2016

Attendance: Pat Botteron, Louise Evans, Betty Warren, Roy Normen, Sue Larsen, Bart Pacekonis, Herb Asplund, Mike Gantick, Carol Heffler

Guest: Gene Botteron

Chair Pat Botteron opened the meeting at 5:35.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by those in attendance.

The minutes of the December 7th meeting were accepted as amended for more specificity on the Church property discussion.

Public Participation

None.

New Business

A plaque was presented to Carol Heffler by Pat Botteron for her 18 years of service to the Open Space Task Force. Everyone agreed that Carol will be greatly missed for her insight and her ability to keep us on task. Thank you Carol!

Bart Pacekonis asked Mike Gantick how the Barton Property was coming along. There is a plan for a berm since many of the pine trees have been dying due to the wind gusts.

Bart Pacekonis reported on the Main Street subcommittee. Input from the last meeting was given in order for the final report to be written. OSTF will receive a copy when finalized.

Roy Normen attended the meeting on development rights this morning. He has concerns that the resolution is too focused on Main Street. He will attend the Town Council meeting at 7:00. Betty Warren thinks the resolution is fine as is. It is a good start to the discussion of development rights. Purchase is not the only option but appears to be the method talked about right now. OSTF has money which could be used for development rights but the resolution would like to put other money aside for this. Roy asked if SWALPAC had a plan for Main Street but Betty replied they were waiting for the Town Council to decide before making any changes.

No photos will be entered in the photo contest since the requirements were too burdensome.

Bart Pacekonis is being recommended for the Pollicelli Award.

Pat Botteron said there is going to be a Land Conservation Council Conference on March 19, 2016. The conference will be at Wesleyan University and cost \$65. Pat is checking on our budget.

There was a discussion as to whether to discuss the target map that Jeff Folger sent out. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

The next meeting will be March 7, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sue W. Larsen, Secretary