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MINUTES OF THE ATHENS TOWNSHIP, MINNESOTA,
PARKS COMMISSION MEETING
Held on Thursday, July 28, 2011

ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners Lisa Angeski, Dave Beckstrom, Barb Kilpatrick (Town Supervisor),
and Bonnie Torpe
Absent: Don Pace with notice
Visitors: None

I. CALL TO ORDER: There being a quorum present, Chair Kilpatrick called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. in the Athens Town Hall, noting that not all remembered to be present at 6:00 p.m. for convenience of one Commissioner.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. Everyone present participated in saying the pledge to the Flag.

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA. With the addition of three Miscellaneous items: draft newspaper "On the Go" article by Bonnie, and Barb's two items: move our picnic to the new fire station? and the fact that two teams will be playing ball during the picnic, the Agenda was approved by consensus.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE LAST MEETING MINUTES. Motion to approve the minutes of July 28, 2011, as written: Angeski/Kilpatrick 4-0.

V. NEW PATHWAY SECTION. The Commissioners walked to the staked pathway in Collin Park which will be blacktopped by Knife River Construction, running east-westerly in a curved manner between the existing walking path, proposed to lie between the current (southerly) ballfield and the proposed second ballfield to the north. Some discussion revealed that it was questionable whether there was enough room left for a sand volleyball court and/or a horseshoe pitching area. A probable alteration of the stakes would accomplish providing the required area(s). Barb will make the suggestion to Russ Mann.

VI. DRAFT RE-WRITE OF COMMISSION BY-LAWS. Barb distributed her draft by-laws and requested this item be tabled to the October 27, 2011, meeting for discussion. Approved by consensus.

VII. PLANS FOR TOWN PICNIC ON SEPTEMBER 10. Lisa talked with Doyle Peck who agreed to provide live music for \$300—this was agreed to by everyone. Discussion of Tommy's zoo or the (unnamed) "guy with the deer" and the "reptile guy". Lisa will call Tonya. Barb has talked to neighbor Dan Nuckles about drawing caricatures for guests. Since we will be catering our own picnic once again, the lunch was discussed at length, and a shopping list was assembled.

VIII. SEPTEMBER MEETING PLACE. Since January, the Highway 65 Coalition has planned to meet in the Town Hall in September. Brief discussion revealed that following the September 10 Picnic, we may all skip a September Parks meeting, make note of our suggestions to improve the event, and bring them to our regular Parks meeting October 27.

IX. FINANCIAL REPORT. Barb distributed the Interim Financial Report dated 7-8-11, which stated Parks cash balance as of 7-11-11 at \$34,000.57. Brief discussion of the increase in cost of Utility Services shown at \$275.58—due to evening ball games with field lights on.

X. MISCELLANEOUS. A. Move Picnic from Town Hall to new Fire Station? It was unanimous that our picnic remain at the Town Hall in the interest of consistency, convenience, and the doubts about why Athens (one of 8 members in the Fire Station) should use it for their own purposes. Barb will respond to the Fire Chief Polzin about our decision.


B. Russ Mann has informed Barb that two ball teams will be playing in a tournament on the field while our picnic is underway. Discussion of whether this will cause any problems, such as a drain on our picnic foods, water, distraction, revealed that it would be only a minor disturbance to what we are doing, and might enhance the event with the field in play.

C. Review draft newspaper notice. Reviewal of Bonnie's draft "On the Go" ad for the Isanti News. Suggested changes were incorporated and will be placed for August/September dates.

XI. ADJOURNMENT. Motion to adjourn the meeting with all agenda items addressed at 7:50 p.m.: Angeski/Torpe. 4-0.

The next meeting of the Parks Commission will be on October 27, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. In the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,



Bonnie Torpe, Appointed Recorder

cc: Commission Members: 5
Board of Supervisors: 5
Signed original for Office File