

**MARYVILLE PARK COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

August 21, 2006

The regular meeting of the Maryville Park Committee was called to order by President Roger Shoup at 6:03 P.M. on August 21, 2006, at the Administration Building. Members present were Al Ebert, Carol Frerker, Diana Hedrick, Cindy Jones, Angel Merz, Ron Motil, Sharon Petty, Dennis Reynolds and Roger Shoup. Judy Wiemann was absent. Also in attendance was Mayor Larry Gulledge, Village Board Liaison Todd Bell and Andy Koch, a Troy Times-Tribune Reporter. Judy Wiemann was seated at 6:09 P.M.

President Shoup introduced new member Dennis Reynolds to the group.

President Shoup called for corrections and additions to the minutes of the July 17, 2006, meeting. Jones moved and Motil seconded the minutes be approved as presented. The minutes of the July 17, 2006 meeting were unanimously approved.

Since Mayor Gulledge needed to leave for another meeting, he was asked to present his comments. He reported that the pavilions from the grant have arrived. Since one worker is injured and all but one of the summer help are gone, he asked the Committee's patience in that the pavilions will be installed as soon as possible. Petty commented that the boxed pavilions and parts are stacked out in Drost Park. It is evident someone has opened some boxes and left the contents out in the open. Gulledge will check on this.

There was no representative from the Drost Park Khoury League in attendance.

Wiemann reported the Master gardeners want to place a permanent open gate, as pictured, between the garden and the large rock. This is to provide an entry to enhance the "open gate gardens" concept. Bell questioned the problem of when you come off the east side of the wooden bridge into a garden plot there is no path leading out of the garden. He suggested adding stones or something to make the walkway out of the garden. Wiemann said the gardeners will address this issue. The members were pleased with the open gate idea. Petty moved and Ebert seconded to recommend to the Village Board to allow the Master Gardeners to install a trellis gate as an entrance to the garden as shown in the photo presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Hedrick did not receive a monthly available funds report to distribute.

Merz presented information from members of the Maryville Fire Department who want to place a park bench in Firemen's Park in memory of Pauline Scarborough. They would like it to be near the tree by her funnel cake stand from which she donated all the proceeds from the Homecomings to the fire department. Merz moved and Motil seconded to recommend to the Village Board to allow members of the fire department to place a memorial park bench in memory of Pauline Scarborough, who operated the funnel cake stand at the Homecomings and donated all the proceeds, by the tree near her stand location.

Bell reported the following results of the recommendations to the Village Board:

1. Approved the recommendation for non-rental of Pavilion #5 by the bike trail.
2. Approved the purchase and installation of six new Drost Park signs. These have been ordered.

Bell reported the Village Board voted at the August 28, 2006 meeting to increase the green space fees to \$750.00 for SR-1 and SR-2 developments.

Petty told the Committee the "Back To The Future" movie in the park was a big success. Bell said he counted over 200 people attending. Hedrick commented that the DeLorean auto display added to the evening. Various Committee members commented that people were asking if another movie will be shown this year. Petty said it may be difficult to put together that soon. The general consensus of the Committee was to add a movie to the 2007 events for September 28 at 8:00 P.M.

Petty said she was checking the possibility of purchasing a large canvas to use for a screen. Bell thought it could be hung on the side of the maintenance shed by the library. Bell suggested to hang it so it can be rolled up and down when needed, and stored for winter. Ebert and Bell measured the area on the building. Petty and Ebert are to check on price for a 14' wide x 22' high or 15' x 23' canvas with grommets for hanging.

Shoup informed the Committee that the restroom/pavilion (#5 for future reference) in Drost Park is open, but the water fountain for dogs needs more pressure.

Wiemann noted that the doors on the stalls in the women's side of the restroom by pavilion #1 still do not lock. Also there is a strong sewer smell by pavilion #1 and the trash cans are very full. Petty added more trash cans are needed by this pavilion. Shoup will talk to Patrick Presson about these concerns. Bell will check the possibility of placing a dumpster in the lift station area of the park entrance.

Bell said the Mod U Dock by pavilion #3 has been backed up due to the shortage of workers. Shoup will also discuss the cleaning of Dock #1 when talks with Presson.

Bell asked the Committee where the pavilions received through the PEP grant should be located? Since there were several ideas, a committee of Merz, Petty and Bell are to mark locations for these pavilions. Ebert suggested to install one pavilion, and then decide where the other should be placed.

Motil presented a report to the Committee on the historic tree donation program. Trees three feet to five feet are available for \$250.00 plus a \$95.00 shipping charge. He will have more information for the next meeting.

Since there is no Monthly Available Funds report, the bike safety rodeo donations will need to be checked at the next meeting. Wiemann said she has contacted the organizations that have yet to pay.

Bell did not have any updated information on the fishing regulations ordinance.

Wiemann noted that the trees improperly planted by the State were planted last year; and if something is not done soon. We will lose them.

Wiemann reported that Father Sotiroff of the Catholic Church has given verbal approval to move the Vernon Lucas baseball memorial. Hedrick said Gullledge had requested written approval before having the Village workers remove this. Wiemann will talk to Father Sotiroff.

Regarding information on the brick pavers and donations, Wiemann said the list of names of the firemen were given to Trustee Ed Kostyshock who gave it to Kevin Flaughter who gave it to Jolene Henry as far as she knows. Bell said the names that are known for sure need to be sent to Jolene Henry now. Hedrick will get her list to Henry this week.

Petty told the Committee the sub-committee on park/picnic equipment, etc., has not met because they need to know exactly what has been ordered. Bell said Jolene Henry should be able to find that information. Petty will check with her.

Shoup informed the Committee the tree on the Walking/Jogging Path has been removed, but not the trees in Drost Lake.

The 2007 Calendar of Events was discussed. Hedrick said she discussed a fiddlers contest with George Portz. He suggested having a blue grass concert that will last two hours with a "Fiddlers Frolic" during the intermission and cost \$500.00 as a starting event. It is the best way to check audience response. Petty commented that we need to coordinate with Bobby's Frozen Custard, who started having concerts on Sunday evenings as well as other towns. The consensus was for Hedrick to contact Portz to set October 14, 2007 at 3:00 P.M. for the concert. Hedrick should have a revised calendar to present for approval at the next meeting.

Wiemann suggested that the trees need to be watered every two weeks when there is no rain. Bell indicated that this is not always possible depending on the amount of other work to be done. Hedrick said perhaps it is time to consider hiring an employee who is assigned to the parks and no other duties. A full or part time person could keep the Drost Park grass mowed. Other responsibilities mentioned include maintenance of park facilities, caring for the trees and maintaining the walking path. Bell suggested this employee should report to him rather than the Public Works Director; but would need to coordinate some jobs with the Public Works Director. Jones suggested we ask permission to explore options and create a job description. Motil moved and Jones seconded to recommend to the Village Board to consider hiring an employee solely for the Park and Recreation Department who will report to Todd Bell to perform such duties as grass cutting in Drost Park, maintenance of park facilities and equipment, and coordinate with the Public Works Director for additional assistance on various projects; and give the Park Committee permission to explore options and create a job description. The vote was unanimously passed.

Discussion opened regarding the Eagle Scout project of Evan McNeil. A bridge across the ditch by the bike trail and Drost Park was chosen. Petty moved and Wiemann seconded to recommend to the Village Board to allow Evan McNeil to complete an Eagle Scout project to build a bridge over the deepest part of the waterway by pavilion #5, which is between the bike trail and Drost Park at a cost of approximately \$500.00, funded by the Village, with the plans to be submitted to the Park Committee for approval. The motion passed unanimously.

Merz and Motil reported that the four-acre parcel of park ground at the end of Duke Drive that runs East to West is best suited for use as a natural preserve and passive park as it cannot have any permanent structures at the point in time because of the limited access off Duke Drive. Bell commented that an easement from Route 159 may give possible access. He added that the Committee may try to contact MEPR about possible grants to install a bridge or other type of access from the bike trail to make a rest stop on the lot. Motil will check for possible grants. Frerker said she will gather information on access planning.

Wiemann told the Committee the Lakeview Acres Garden Club was interested in giving monetary assistance for turning the lot owned by the State at the frontage road and Route 159 into a small park, but it would be minimal.

Hedrick reminded the group that Wiemann volunteered to be the Bike Safety Rodeo Chairperson.

Bell explained the publicity protocol to be used by the Committee. All publicity and marquee information needs to go to Hedrick to send out.

Petty informed the Committee that the boxes containing the new pavilions were just dumped in Drost Park; and some boxes were open with items laying on the ground. Ebert also said bags with parts were laying around. Shoup will talk to Patrick Presson about securing materials.

Painting of the pavilions and restrooms is on the To-Do list because the storm cleanup of trees has taken priority.

Bell reported that all the surface in the playground by the Senior Center will be replaced with the recycled material due to an abundance offered by the County. Petty suggested using the old material around the existing benches and picnic tables to reduce the trimming work and provide better cushioning in these areas. Other members agreed. Petty moved and Merz seconded to recommend to the Village Board to save the material removed from the playground by the Senior Citizen Center, and place it around existing park benches and picnic tables to reduce the need for grass and weed trimming. The motion passed unanimously.

Being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by President Shoup at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hedrick, Secretary

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