

**Alamo Township Park Committee**  
Minutes  
August 28, 2007

Present: N. Covault, L. Conti, B. Fisher, D. Knight, J. Little

Guests: R. Bennett, R. Flath, D. Potter-Williams

- I. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. **Minutes of July 31, 2007.** Motion by N. Covault to accept the minutes of July 31, 2007, as written. Support by J. Little. Carried unanimously.
- III. **Citizen Comment.**  
None.
- IV. **Budget.** As of this date there is \$3,797.74 remaining in the budget, less monies set aside for power in the DE Avenue Park (\$1,000). Approximately \$700 of this has been spent. B. Fisher will check the township's billing category for possible savings. Clarification made that the township pays for power, not those using the park. Committee introduced question of an electrical use plan and cost sharing.
- V. **Farmer's Market.** Committee agreed that adding this feature to the park is a good idea and should be continued next year with enhanced advertising. This year there have been few vendors and few visitors. Vendors are reporting poor weather conditions leading to crop failures.
- VI. **Signage.**
  - A. Stop Sign. Citizen commented at a recent Board meeting that patrons of the Park are not stopping before pulling out on DE Avenue. R. Flath to donate a stop sign for installation at the exit.
  - B. Children Playing Sign. Discussion concerning sign placement near the concession stand. Further discussion to occur, some concern that too many signs will detract from any being read.
  - C. Park Rules. N. Covault to take the lead in working with members of his choosing to determine wording for the Park rules sign as discussed at the July 31, 2007 meeting.  
  
Work continues with the township attorney to resolve the issue of citations. R. Bennett noted that the Conservation Officer (CO) for this area, Paul Higashi, may be contacted if the managers/rangers feel that there has been an infringement. Identifying information should be gathered if possible; the CO likely will not be able to respond quickly enough due to the territory needed to be covered.
- VII. **Manager/Rangers.** Further discussion of this name change is on hold pending further discussion at the Board level.
- VIII. **Workday(s).** September 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. was established as the next Park workday. Tasks include modifications to the rock dam (part of the ditch project), placing additional chips on the North Trail east of the pines, it was noted that the south side could use additional chips as well, the area is wearing thin. Rustic trail needs marking west of the bridge in a non-intrusive way. Small spray paint markings remain the suggestion of choice. N. Covault to look into equipment for the workday.

- IX. Gates:** Discussion. Applicable to all users, both gates will be either closed or open to promote one-way traffic. N. Covault to contact M. Lampen. A suggestions was made to post a note in the concession stand to remind Little League staff given multiple people have gate responsibility from their organization.
- X. Play Equipment.** B. Fisher provided a table of various options from a variety of vendors per the previous meeting. The Committee agreed that it needs to determine the area(s) where play equipment will be installed to make a determination regarding types of equipment. Each piece of equipment requires different amounts of space. B. Fisher will check the availability of quality used equipment and check with PlayTime to see if they carry T-Swings. The plan is to design play areas with children in mind but secure equipment that will accommodate both rough use and persons of any age. It was recommended that some time be devoted at the next workday to reviewing potential placement of equipment.
- XI. 5<sup>th</sup> Street Parking.** Size of the proposed lot on the east side of 5<sup>th</sup> (to keep cars from parking on 5<sup>th</sup> Street) has ranged from 2-3 or 5-6. The DNR will open the lot to the Kal-Haven Trail. A small unassuming path will be evident from the lot to the Township Park trails. Now proposed that the area be smoothed and graveled.
- XIV. Meeting Adjourned/Next Meeting:** Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m. Next meeting: Tuesday, September 25 at 6:00 p.m. (Township Hall)

Attachment: Equipment Options

Barbara Fisher (09-04-2007)