

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD OF HALFMOON TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF 2-4-2016 MEETING

Board Members Present: Doug Dillon, Kim Hyeseon, Todd Kirsten, Jean Miranda

Others Present: None

Meeting was called to order by the Chair, Todd Kirsten, at 7:03 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the 1-14-2016 reorganization meeting were unanimously approved.

MASTER SITE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Mr. Kirsten requested that the board come to a consensus on the top three (3) priority projects they would like to see included in “Phase 1” for each park. The floor was opened to board members for input regarding their priority projects.

Ms. Miranda stated she felt parking space was still an issue at Municipal Park, so paving the parking lot may be a good idea. There were mixed feelings among the board members about making the parking lot(s) a priority. The board generally felt that adding amenities to the parks that don’t currently exist, such as the proposed walking/biking trails, would be a more worthwhile investment. Mr. Kirsten stated that ADA compliance would be a required part of the project, so paving at least a portion of the parking lot(s) for handicap spaces would most likely be necessary. In addition, paving the entire parking lot(s) may be something that is recommended by the project team as the development plan is created, but won’t be known until the team moves through the discussion. Mr. Kirsten stated he would keep the board informed of recommendations that come out of those discussions.

Mr. Dillon stated he would choose enhancing the playground area at Autumn Meadow Park as one of his top priorities. However, that enhancement should be based on a “natural” theme and not just generic play structures. The board discussed the proposed playground area at Autumn Meadow Park and concluded that any development should be something different than what other parks in the region offer. The board felt that differentiating Halfmoon’s parks from the other municipalities’ parks is the best approach.

Ms. Hyeseon felt the current pavilion at Municipal Park was lacking and the idea of a new pavilion was very appealing. She questioned how many picnic tables could be placed under a 20’x40’ pavilion. The board discussed the proposed new pavilion at Municipal Park—and although members liked the thought of it, the majority felt that if it required implementing the entire concept for the pavilion area (C, D, and E on Layer 5 of the Master Site Plan), it shouldn’t be included in “Phase 1”.

After additional discussion, there was general consensus on the following priorities for each park, with the understanding that paving both parking lots may be recommended by the project team as part of “Phase 1”:

Autumn Meadow Park

- Walking/Biking Path at Autumn Meadow Park (“L” on the Master Site Plan)
- Playground Area—taking board comments in to account (“G” on the Master Site Plan)
- Seating Area (“H” on the Master Site Plan)

Municipal Park

- Walking/Biking Trails including interpretive trail (“G and H” on the Master Site Plan)

- Bleacher System—lower ballfield only (“K” on the Master Site Plan)
- Restroom shelter—board questioned its proposed location (“B” on the Master Site Plan)

OPEN DISCUSSION

Ms. Miranda asked about the Easter Party supply list. Mr. Kirsten stated discussion of the Easter Party details would be on March’s regular meeting agenda and the supply list would be finalized then.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Minutes drafted and submitted by:

Todd Kirsten
Chairman, Park & Recreation Board of Halfmoon Township