

Newbold Outdoor Recreation Area Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 3, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

Newbold Town Hall, 4608 Apperson Drive, Rhinelander.

Called to order by Pete Cody at 11:20 a.m. Present were Kim Gauthier, Jackie Cody and Pete Cody. Ed Hammer was absent. The notice was properly posted.

Approval of minutes was tabled.

Bench location discussion. 14 benches have been sponsored, next steps need names of donors for placard order. Kim will check names. Jackie will order from Feights. Pete indicated one yard of concrete costs \$130 or \$10/bench average. Steel costs \$149/bench. Don't know the costs of the cedar for the benches. Donations were \$260/bench. Budgeted \$3,500 for thirteen benches. Pete will contact the boy scout group about installing boards this Fall.

Privy construction and costs. Pete reported that the privy is complete and functional. Kim reported on expenses to date for the privy: \$3,579 for the tank, \$5,610.97 for construction materials, \$452 for the concrete approach, \$598 for vents and \$558 for two skylights. Total \$10,798.00 which is slightly over our budget of \$9,000. Discussion on providing hand-sanitizer and possibly a garbage can in the privy stalls.

Discussion on tee pad construction, seeding and costs. Kim provided town expenses paid and Pete provided estimates for this project. The concrete for the 36 tee pads is estimated at \$1170, grass seed thus far at \$156, wood for tee pad forms estimated at \$150. Approximate expenses (not all invoices have been received) total \$1,476 and the original budgeted amount was \$1,600. The tee pad construction was completed this week with many volunteers participating. John Plautz and Heavy Weibel lead the project and their help was a great asset to the concrete project. Blackwell Job Corp also helped along with Ron Rogers, Dave Kroll, Dan Newby and Pete and Jackie Cody.

Tee signs, directional signs and kiosk discussion. Discussion by the committee on starting the tee sign printing with Metro Screen-printing for the sponsors we currently have. Jackie will work with Trish at Metro Screen-printing and Kim will follow up on accurate sponsorship names. Pete reported that a group from Blackwell Job Corp may participate in the kiosk construction, but will know more this fall.

Town work update. Pete reported that the town has been very cooperative with working on moving top soil, leveling for tee pads, help with concrete and hauling soil where needed. The assistance of town equipment and crew has certainly provided an efficient means of work the last few weeks.

Blackwell Job Corp. participation in the project. Pete reported that a crew worked on the privy construction to completion and recently a concrete crew assisted the concrete team. The groups have worked very well and provided many hours of volunteer work to the disc golf course. The committee is grateful for their assistance.

Hiking and snowshoe trail update. Pete reported that the trail needs dragging/weeding. Jackie Cody presented information on an opportunity to register the Newbold trail as a Monarch Waystation since the area has milkweed along the service road and along the East side of fairway number three. A motion was made by Kim Gauthier and seconded by Jackie Cody for NORA to become part of the monarch watch program as described. That motion carried on a vote of all ayes and zero nays.

Highway sign update and sign at Ole Lake Road and NORA parking lot discussion. Pete indicated the sign for the entrance to the recreation area has come in and will need to be installed by the town.

ATV use at NORA. Pete reported that since the last meeting there has been ATV use in the parking lot and torn up gravel. The Sheriff's Office was contacted and patrolling the area. NORA has also placed a no -ATV use sign in the parking lot. The only ATV use allowed is that for working at the site with permission. The Sheriff's office has been very cooperative.

Fundraising and grant update. Kim reported that the United Way had contact with her regarding a potential grant to assist with maps of the outdoor recreation area disc golf course and trail. It is anticipated the committee will hear formally this fall. Discuss fundraising contact recently made by the committee. There are six, hole sponsors available at this time out of the eighteen.

Course opening. Discussion that there is no set date for opening the course. This fall would be great, but no guarantee.

Volunteers. Discussion on sporadic volunteers. Many are still needed for landscaping the fairways, trail maintenance, kiosk construction and bench completion.

Public comment. No members of the public were present.

A motion was made to adjourn at 12:50 p.m., by Jackie Cody and Kim Gauthier.

Respectfully submitted by:
Kim Gauthier, NORC Secretary