

**MINUTES FOR THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF TOWN OF ALGOMA
PARKS COMMITTEE
ALGOMA TOWN HALL
15 N. OAKWOOD ROAD, OSHKOSH, WI 54904
MONDAY, MARCH 18TH, 2013 AT 6:30 PM**

1. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Timm

2. Roll call.

Kristine Timm

Sue Rehder

Mark Kainz

Henry Sampson

Joel Rasmussen

Dewey Nelson

Peter Cernohous - Excused

3. Introductions.

A. Parks Committee Members

All the Parks Committee Members introduced themselves to the volunteers.

B. Volunteers

Six volunteers were in attendance, all six introduced themselves

4. Jones Park Overview

Everyone in attendance received a copy of the Jones Park Development Plan. Timm went through the plan and talked about the highlighted areas of specific concern. Tim also fielded questions regarding the difference between a neighborhood park vs. a community park. A community park would be one that hosts athletic events such as tournaments and provides ball fields with lights to accommodate tournaments. A neighborhood park basically serves a neighborhood where kids can walk to play pickup games and congregate. Jones Park meets the definition of a neighborhood park except for the sled hill which is usually part of a community park. It's anticipated that over time, Jones Park would become more active in the winter than the summer. Other than the sledding hill, the park facilities are designed for a neighborhood park where kids can gather. The land was purchased through the Stewardship Grant through the Department of Natural Resources, therefore you will see a lot of landscaping. Mr. Jaworski explained each features of the park. Jones Park is limited to the active sport section because of the grant. The site preparation will be done all at one time in order to be more cost effective. The park is a very attractive site, now we need to bring it to reality.

The features of Jones Park stemmed from a survey that was done at the Firemen's Picnic, Oakwood School, the website, and in the newsletter. Those amenities that scored the highest were taken into consideration. There is no lighting except for one security light, and no running water or restroom facilities for two reasons; 1-the Department of Natural Resources grant didn't allow for these types of amenities, 2-the town doesn't have the staff to keep these facilities clean

and functional. Due to the fact a Department of Natural Resources grant was used to purchase the parkland, there will be a lot of natural areas with native planting.

5. Phases of Construction

The development of Jones Park was broken down into phases. Other reasons for the phases are that it adds a flexibility factor; meaning as the funds become available, the phases can be done. Sort of a build it as it comes thought process. Mr. Jaworski went through each construction phase.

6. Fundraising Strategy

Mr. Jaworski then went through all the different types of fundraising strategies that were identified in the Jones Park Development Plan. Mr. Jaworski's opinion is that because Jones Park is a neighborhood park, it's smaller than a community park, there may be some small hurdles to jump in getting corporate donors. Mr. Jaworski is surprised that people know the area more than what he had thought. Mr. Jaworski gave an example of the Chasestone Barn project he worked on. What Mr. Jaworski learned from this experience is that each amenity has to be broken down into an opportunity for someone to donate and make the donation a lasting legacy.

At this point, the volunteers offered their talents. One has experience in building websites, one has a financial background, and one has experience in horticulture. There was mention of how the Jones Family used to have barn dances in their barn. Perhaps a barn dance could be a fundraiser.

7. Next Steps

Mr. Jaworski felt this meeting was a good start. The next step would be to send the attendees out and to bring back another volunteer with them to the next meeting.

8. Wrap up/Next meeting – To Be Determined.

By unanimous consent, the next meeting will be Monday, April 15th, 2013 at 6:00 pm.

9. Adjourn.

No further discussion. Motion carried in a voice vote, 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte K. Nelson, WCMC
Town Clerk
Town of Algoma, Winnebago County, WI