

Ball Pond Advisory Committee

MINUTES

June 9, 2009

7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 in the Town Hall Conference Room.

Cynthia Stevens (Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. George Buck, Helen Gallagher, Walter Hope, and Terry Lent were also present. Brian Bosley was not in attendance. Invited guest, Steve Merullo (Director of Parks & Recreation and Buildings & Grounds for the Town), attended the first part of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

Helen Gallagher made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2009 special meeting as corrected. Terry Lent seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0-1 (Motion Approved)

Terry Lent made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2009 regular meeting as corrected. Helen Gallagher seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion Approved)

General Correspondence: none

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

- Sandbar
 - Cynthia Stevens received confirmation last month from the State DOT that they received the packet containing Jim Mellett's study but had not had time to read it yet. No updated information.

- Town Beach
 - Steve Merullo reported that, since the budget for FY2009-10 passed, the Commission is prepared to utilize about \$3,000-\$5,000 to make changes to the Town Beach. Their goals include keeping the Beach low maintenance and safe while meeting the needs of the Ball Pond residents.
 - Discussion ensued regarding the need to keep the fence and the boat racks (along with some sand in front of them) and the possibility of some new benches.
 - The next step is for Didona Associates to draft a plan.
 - Once a plan is in place, it will have to go before the Inland/Wetlands Commission for review.

- Storm Drains
 - Cynthia Stevens wrote a report summarizing the issues regarding the storm drains for the Town.
 - The Town is being responsive (i.e., have removed some debris from Lake Drive). There is some confusion about the ownership of the land.

- Water testing
 - Cynthia Stevens reported that the water quality testing for Ball Pond has been rescheduled due to inclement weather to next Wednesday, June 17, 2009. Brian Bosley's boat will be used. Having the Dissolved Oxygen Instrument that the Ball Pond Advisory Committee purchased in June '08 makes rescheduling this process much easier than before.

- Pink water lilies
 - Bruce Lockhart has been out to extract \$400 worth of pink water lilies. The Purchase Order for his work must be submitted to Finance by June 17th and his bill must be received by the end of the month.
- Cynthia Stevens entertained a motion to add “Communication about storm water” to the agenda under “Old Business”. Walter Hope made the said motion. Helen Gallagher seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion Approved)
- Communication about storm water
 - An updated storm sewers publication has been created by the University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension Centers. It is now copyrighted. Discussion ensued about the best way to disseminate this information (e.g., bulk mailing, email, ad in Citizen News, separate flyer in Citizen News) and the economic feasibility of doing so. Cynthia Stevens will pursue some options.

New Business:

- Terrestrial plant invasives
 - Garlic mustard is becoming prevalent on properties around Ball Pond.
 - Cynthia Stevens reviewed recommendations from the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service for removing this plant.
 - roots must be pulled up
 - don't dump in a mulch pile; best to incinerate
 - discarded stems have enough energy to make viable seeds
 - eradication can take years
- Other Business
 - George Buck reviewed the increase in boat traffic due to limited accessibility at Squantz Pond.
 - There was discussion about geese families on and around Ball Pond.

Adjournment:

- The next regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee will be on Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room.
- Terry Lent made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.; Walter Hope seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion Approved)

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene Anderson-Alexander
Recording Secretary