

**BALDWIN PARK COMMITTEE
JOINT MEETING WITH THE BALDWIN TOWN BOARD**

March 19, 2015

Present - Baldwin Park Committee members: Dave Patten, Jeremy Peterson, Lester Kriesel and Wayne Thompson. Baldwin Town Board Supervisors: Jay Swanson, Tom Rush (also Park Committee Liaison), Randy Atwood, Brad Schumacher. Supervisor Jeff Holm arrived at 7:52 p.m.

Call Meeting to Order – The March 19, 2015 Baldwin Park Committee joint meeting with the Baldwin Town Board was called to order by Jay Swanson at 7:00 p.m. Swanson thanked the members of the Park Committee for attending and welcomed newly elected Supervisor Brad Schumacher. The purpose of the meeting, Swanson said, is to talk about Sand Lot Baseball, and to conclude exactly what the wishes were for Kermit Young in his vision of developing Young Park.

Watch Kermit Young Interview DVD – A DVD of an interview with Kermit Young dated February 24, 2008 was viewed by all in attendance.

Discuss and Define “Sand Lot” Baseball Field – Kermit Young’s wishes for Young Park were to keep things low key, resident friendly and as natural as possible. When asked about a baseball field Kermit responded that 2 or 3 sand lot fields would be acceptable. Sandlot refers to a makeshift field, which could be nothing more than an empty piece of land in the area composed of grass, dirt, or sand that is big enough to facilitate the game. Patten provided a handout of a softball/baseball field layout, and images of sandlot baseball fields. In order to keep it simple, Patten commented that a field(s) could be located to the left-hand side of the parking lot with features including a backstop, dirt infield, seats and a fence half way down the field. He said since it wouldn't be anything fancy, the estimated cost per field would be \$10,000 to \$15,000.

There was discussion on perhaps using the fields to draw in revenue to put dollars back into the community for events such as FunFest. In question would be the demand for a higher grade field with additional maintenance, and would this be in line with what Kermit wanted.

Patten will supply a (blueprint) plan for review at the next Park Board meeting.

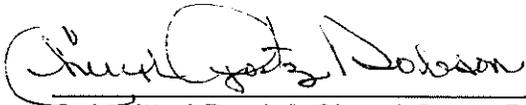
Rush would like the park board members and the supervisors to meet at Young Park for their next meeting. A Park Tour is scheduled for April 16, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Discuss Goose Lake Plans – A general discussion led by Patten showing the layout of the Goose Lake Park plans included showing the access into the area and the shape of the land. The committee feels that the completion of the park could be obtainable by the end of 2016. Potential features would be an asphalt parking lot, rain garden, trail, canoe racks, and boardwalks in the wetland area, a picnic area, and fishing pier.

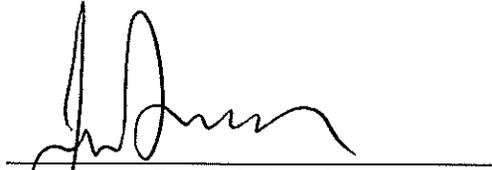
Any Other Business

- About 14 years ago a Park Trail and Open Space Plan was created to develop smaller parks in all four quadrants of the township.
- Consider picnic areas and bike trails at the Elk Lake access.
- Pouring a 24x30 slab off the existing slab; taking out the apron of the existing slab; adding 2 poles; then grade for a basketball court at Young Park. There was discussion whether the old concrete is worth preserving. The fire department has agreed to stripe the court.
- A citizen is willing to provide 6-8 bluebird houses providing the township supplies the sign posts.
- There was discussion on whether to erect posts or concrete curbing around the parking lot at Young Park in order to limit access to the buildings.
- After cost estimates for the baseball field, posts and basketball court are formed, the committee will pursue grants to cover the cost.

Adjournment – Rush/Atwood unanimous to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.



Submitted By: (s/) Cheryl Goetz Dobson
Deputy Clerk
Baldwin Township



Approved By: (s/) Jay Swanson
Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Baldwin Township

4-6-2015

Date

Attendees: Mark Thorson, Judy Thorson, Carol Swanson, Chuck Nagle, Audrey Misiura