

Village of Bellaire

PARKS COMMITTEE

Trish Drollinger, Chairman

Helen Schuckel

Brent Nelson

MEETING MINUTES

May 2, 2012

6:30 p.m.

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Drollinger called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance

Present: Chairman Drollinger & Helen Schuckel
Absent: Brent Nelson
Staff Present: Ken Stead, DPW Supervisor & Janet Koch, Clerk
Also Present: Colette Stanish, Chris Thompson (Antrim County Fair Board)

2. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved.

Motion by Drollinger, seconded by Schuckel, to approve the agenda with the addition of New Business item b) Antrim County 4-H Fair Board Request and New Business item c) Richardi Water Testing. Motion carried by voice vote.

3. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes were approved.

Motion by Schuckel, seconded by Drollinger, to approve the minutes of January 25, 2012 meeting as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

4. **Public Comment on Agenda Items:** None presented.

5. **Old Business:** None presented.

6. **New Business**

- a) **Batting Cage Repairs:** the batting cage by the baseball field was damaged in the March snowstorm. Stead obtained a repair estimate of \$11,514.40 from Lee's Alpine Fence in Gaylord. If the DPW does the work, the materials are estimated to cost \$1677.24 and the DPW labor will be about \$1500.00 for a total cost of approximately \$3177.24.

Motion by Drollinger, seconded by Schuckel, to recommend to council that the DPW repair the batting cage and turn the costs into the insurance agency, for a cost of approximately \$3,177.24 with the amount not to exceed \$4,000. Motion carried by voice vote.

- b) **Antrim County 4-H Fair Board Request:** Chris Thompson presented a proposal from the Fair Board. Due to an increase in exhibitors and spectators, the Fair Board would like permission from council to clear an area about 144' x 75' between the bathhouse and the livestock building. The Fair Board will pay all the expenses of clearing, stumping, backfilling, grading, and seeding. They would like to keep the estimated \$400 from saleable timber to offset some of those costs.

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Motion by Drollinger, seconded by Schuckel, to recommend that council approve the Antrim County 4-H Fair Board's proposal to take down trees in the specified area including a box elder near the building. Motion carried by voice vote.

- c) **Richardi Water Testing:** Koch had contacted Chuck Edwards from the Bellaire office of the Health Dept. of Northwest Michigan about the costs of testing the water at Richardi Park beach this summer. Last summer the costs had been cited as \$14 per sample with three samples per testing event required. Chuck Edwards referred her to Scott Kendzierski from the Charlevoix office. At the time of the meeting, Mr. Kendzierski had not returned Koch's call.

Motion by Drollinger, seconded by Schuckel, to recommend that the village council approve water testing at the Richardi Park beach up to \$50 per sample up to five times this summer. Motion carried by voice vote.

7. Discussion Items

Schuckel had asked Koch to do some research on the costs of accessible playground equipment. Koch said she knew someone who worked for a playground equipment distributor and that a representative from the company could stop by on Thursday, May 31 to talk to the Parks Committee about design and phasing possibilities. Koch had received a catalog and price list and she gave them to the committee.

Drollinger said she wouldn't be available on May 31. Koch said if the committee was willing that she could meet with the representative. Stead said he will have to check on his availability, but if he was in town he'd also meet with the rep.

8. Communications/Informational

Drollinger said she'd email the lifeguard from last summer and ask if he is willing to lifeguard again this year. She also said she and Steve Conkle, the high school baseball coach, would be meeting with the local Rotary organization. The meeting was scheduled for the following Monday to talk about money for the ball fields.

- 9. **Member/Public Comment:** None presented.

- 10. **Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.**

Compiled by Janet Koch, Clerk
Minutes Subject to Approval

Approved: _____

Date: _____