

Town of Oriental – Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

The Oriental Parks & Recreation Committee met on December 9th, 2015 at the Oriental Town Hall

Present: Committee Members Edwards, Dubiel, Olson Stockwell, and Wagoner
Commissioner Venturi and Mayor Belangia

Mr. Edwards called the meeting to order @ 8:09 AM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – No minutes available so this was deferred until the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

PICKLE BALL COURTS - Mr. Edwards reported that Camp Caroline constructed two pickle ball courts. Town Manager Miller stepped in briefly to report that she now has more information on these courts and requested a list of needs from the committee to go forward with creating them at Lupton Park or possibly the Rec Park.

TENNIS COURT - The net posts still need to be repaired. Commissioner Winfrey may be able to facilitate the repair. The perimeter of the court also still needs grading, paint on the back board and the storage building needs to be repaired after vandals tried to break into it several months ago.

BATE GRANT ACCEPTANCE LETTER – The committee’s grant request for funds to build a water fountain was approved.

BIKE PLAN – Commissioner Venturi suggested that a sub-committee be created to address this issue. She will bring this up at the next town board meeting.

LONG TERM GOALS AND PARK PLAN – A meeting separate from the monthly meetings was considered to address this. No action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REVIEW OF PARKS – Mr. Stockwell suggested that Ms. Wagoner swap parks with Ms. Dubiel so that Ms. Wagoner will oversee Lupton Park and Ms. Dubiel will oversee the town beach.

Ms. Wagoner suggested that rather than the committee members doing the park inspections an old Park Maintenance spreadsheet should be resurrected to have Public Works perform the monthly inspections. At the present time Lupton Park has been ignored and there are several fire ant nests, trash (including a used condom), debris waiting to be picked up, and sparse mulch under the playground equipment. In the past the Public Works Supervisor used to attend the Parks meetings. This will be requested again so that the parks’ needs can be directly addressed to the person in charge.

TOWN PARK PLANS – Ms. Wagoner volunteered to look in the town archives for old park plans.

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Wagoner moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Motion passed 4-0 (Ms. Dubiel had to leave the meeting earlier in the meeting).

Jim Edwards, Chairman

Lori Wagoner, Recording Secretary