TOWN OF ROWE
PARK COMMISSION MINUTES,
THURSDAY, November 16, 2007

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:33
PRESENT: Commissioners; Earl Carlow, Henry Dandeneau, Russell Jolly; Park Ranger Sean Loomis
ABSENT: none
AUDIENCE: MaryJo & Heidi Phelps, Peter Besgen, Cindy Laffond, Jim Davidson, Rick Williams & Laurie Pike, Betty & David Lenth

Audience of Citizens: Laurie Pike wanted to know if the Browning Bench Tool land was huntable due to safety concerns where it backs up to the lake To the best of the Board's knowledge it is huntable

- Reviewed minutes from October 4, 2007 meeting and accepted them.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Haven't yet been to the overlook, but now the leaves are down.
- Browning Bench repairs: Steve Crowningshield looked at the repairs and said it would cost between $500 and $700 for window sills and repairs to siding and thresholds Talked about replacing all the sills, central carrier and floor joists., and putting in a rough concrete floor, filling in the voids in the concrete blocks. Russ feels that the $7000 which is what there is on hand for the sill repair is not enough to do the entire job and wants to check into the Capital Needs Plan to see if the monies can be gotten there. Commission voted unanimously, to have Sean write up a bid sheet to give to a list of contractors
- Only one boat has been removed from the boat rack. The rest will be moved out by November 30 or stored by the park.
- Information signs have been started, one to be located near the rest rooms, one near Pond Road where a speed bump is to be installed.
- Back board at the tennis court has been started. The holes for posts have been dug and are ready for the posts to be installed and cemented
- Bridge on trail to tennis courts has been removed. Due to interest in replacing this bridge, Commission will look again at this location in the spring.
- Roof for wood shed: all materials are on hand . Sean is waiting for a few good days to start installation.
- Attendant for fitness room at night started November 10
- Due to security concerns and not a large number of requests for Saturday morning for fitness room, it was decided not to have it opened on Saturdays.
- Commission voted unanimously to have Steve Crowningshield repair window sills and patch holes in siding at Browning Bench Tool
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PARK RANGERS REPORT: (see attached)

- Sean is installing "no hunting" signage around the park.
- Blue Sky won't be able to get locust logs to park until spring
- Sean is removing leaves from trails' water bars
- Sean suggested installing an ice rink at town common. The Commissioners said that this had to be discussed with the Selectmen as only they could authorize use of that area. Henry said it would probably kill the grass and it would have to be replanted in the spring.

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussed parcels of land given to the park and their possible use.
- Talked about checking to see if monies for the tennis courts and Browning Bench Tool could be accessed from the Capital fund.
- Sean is thinking about taking Wed. Nov 21 as a holiday to make a long Thanksgiving weekend.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:41
The next meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Earl Carlow Date: Dec. 6, 2007

Approved:
Russell Jolly, Chair
Earl Carlow, Secretary 12/6/07
Henry Dandeneau

PARK RANGER REPORT

November 16, 2007

I. Completed Activities

A. Steve Crowningshield looked at the Browning Bench window sills and doorsills he said it would cost 500.00$ -700.00$, depending on how easy the all the sills come out. He said he will be able to come the first week in December.
B. One info sign is complete and waiting to know where the second one will be located.
C. All the holes are dug for the backstop, talk with Russ Jolly on the best design for the structure. Post will be going in next week if time is available.
D. Clearing down debris on trails, Meadow Trail, Babbling Brook Trail, Beach Trail, Sabrina Rice Trail, Davis Mine loop Trail, Rob's View, 1792 Trail, Davenport Trail, White Tail Trail, Old Kings Highway, and Williams Trail. Also took down trees on Rob's View that where blocking the view.
E. Bill Foster said that we need a building permit for the roof of the woodshed and that we do not need a licensed contractor to do the work. Building permit is in and will start as soon as possible.
F. Boundary Signs
   1. Game reserve signs are up on the north side of Attwood Property, South side of Sibley Property, and Brown Property where the southeast view is located. South and west side of Stanford property.
   2. Recreation area signs are up along east and south side of Attwood property. East and south side of Oliver property
G. Went to Colrian Tree Service to look at the Locus logs. Blue Sky showed me the one he cut (12" log he sawed in haft, haft of it was useable the other haft ended up being to thin to use.) We decided what he is going to do is use smaller logs (6"-8") and cut a 2"-4" top with still having a 6"-8"thickness in the log. He will not be able to get the logs cut until spring time.
H. Everybody that has a canoe or kayak on the rack at the dam has been contacted and told to remove there watercraft by the end of November. On November 30, I will remove any watercraft that is left on the rack and chain them up behind the browning bench.
I. Cleared leaves from water bars and ditches on Sabrina Rice Trail and Williams Trail.
J. Made all copies for the park properties and the Town Meetings they were voted in.
K. Fitness sign in sheets

II. On going Activities

A. Hanging boundary signs
B. Finish up clearing leaves out of drainage areas on the trails
C. Cleaning leaves at Percy's Point and Browning Bench.
D. Roof on the woodshed
E. Weedwack Glen
F. Ice skating rink at town hall in the common?
G. Birch tree by the BQ area to right of beach has been chewed up by a beaver. The tree is a little more then 1/3 chewed thru and is almost girdled. The tree is in a spot that if it comes down it will bring the flag pole down and land on a bench. Right now the tree has chicken wire around the base to prevent any further damage.
H. FY 2009 budget