TOWN OF ROWE
PARK COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
MARCH 11, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: 6:39 p.m.
PRESENT: Commissioners: Russ Jolly, Earl Carlow, MaryJo Phelps
ABSENT: Ranger Sean Loomis
AUDIENCE: invited guest, Chris Morano
MINUTES: read and approved minutes of February 26, 2009 minutes

OLD BUSINESS:

- Russ talked briefly about the Franklin Regional Technical school not being able to do as much in the construction of the bathrooms as he previously thought. He reported that the Tech school does not do foundations, and might have to assemble the walls of the building at the school, truck them to the site and install them in place, using a crane to assist in the lifting. The advantages of using the school is that they charge only 15% above the cost of materials
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- Sean has been in touch with someone from FRCOG who told him that an architect's stamp is not needed for this building.
- The tight tank under the outhouse is frozen so it can't be pumped out, in order to confirm that the tank is leaking. Bosley told Sean to put some road salt on top to melt the ice about a week ago, at the time of the meeting. Bosley recently told Sean to drop a couple of heat lamps, into the holes and above the ice to finish melting the ice. Now that there is some melting, Sean is going to measure the water level in the tank from the toilet rim to determine that there is, in fact, water is coming into the tank. Bosley is now in the loop and will provide "official" information about the leaking.
- Russ reported that Sean would like to buy a tracked vehicle for trail grooming in lieu of the 4 wheeler and snow mobile which are listed on the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for replacement in 2010. MaryJo stated that there is a need for all three vehicles. Russ said that because of limited use for the tracked vehicle, the Commission should have Sean look for a replacement 4-wheeler and also postpone replacement of the snowmobile one more year. He made the motion to authorize Sean look for a used 4-wheeler for the amount shown in the CIP, or less. Earl seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- MaryJo asked if anything had been heard about the details of the proposed WI exercise program. Russ reported that the Town Nurse has not come back to the Park Commission as yet.

PARK RANGERS REPORT: (see attached)

- Sean is talking to someone from FEMA about reimbursement for trail repair because of the ice storm.
- Sean and MaryJo are going to meet with John Kerry Monday night, March 16, at the Tech School about the bathroom project.
- Sean talked to a biologist (Harvey) about stocking the lake with bass and was told it would be a waste of money. There is not enough cover for fish as fingerlings to survive. Fish habitat needs to be worked on. Russ thought it would be a good idea to talk to the biologist about how to work on fish habitat f or this lake.
- Jack Sobon will be coming to the next meeting to talk about construction of a building for the toilets.

NEW BUSINESS

- Russ talked at length about a previous idea of MaryJo's to build a four-season lodge at the park. He noted that it would be better to go with a smaller version of the new toilet facility if the lodge is to be built later.
- Russ turned the meeting over to Chris Morano to help the commission think about an estimate of the cost to build a simple toilet facility. He said the concrete foundation for a 200 s.f. facility would be about $5,000. He said he thought we could get the structure built for the $35,000 available (in the CIP) without the Clivus tanks. Chris said he would put together some numbers so we could have a good idea of what this building is going to cost.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:57 p.m.
The next meeting is scheduled : March 19, 2009

Respectfully submitted: Earl Carlow Date: 3/19/09

Approved:
Russell Jolly, Chair
Earl Carlow, Secretary Earl Carlow
MaryJo Phelps