

Communication, Education, Youth Committee 3/10/2007 Minutes

Called to Order: 10:06 AM

Members Attending: Corinne Krebs, Mary Wolaver, John Wolaver, Pam Becker, and Joe Bergeron

Members Not Present: Lynne Hellman and Vicki Skinner

Others in Attendance: Wally Graeber, June Trager, Debra McNichols, Jamie Smith, and Gerry Wrench

Meeting Minutes:

Meeting minutes from 2/10/2007 were amended to reflect the correct date. John Wolaver moved for approval; the motion was seconded by Pam, and unanimously approved.

Old Business:

Corinne started with Educational Articles since Joe had not arrived yet and Vicki Skinner was out of town for this meeting. She talked briefly about the Little Jewels article Lynne put together and expressed her interest in sending the article to the paper as a press release. She told the committee Lynne would be writing a new article to educate the public about publicly owned parcels and their value to the community as a whole. Corinne suggested that the next article address sand beaches and the effect of sand on the lakes since new language was added to the Shoreland Overlay Ordinance banning sand within 15'0" of the ordinary high watermark. Members briefly discussed the idea and agreed.

Then the committee continued discussion about the Association Letters proposed at the last meeting. Pam had sent everyone a draft of the letter and received some feedback. Corinne presented some revisions. Mary stated that the letter should remain positive, since the District tries to do positive things. More revisions were made to the new letter. Corinne will adjust the letter and send it to Pam for printing and dissemination.

The committee then returned to item A on the agenda. Joe presented the new information about Wilmot not requiring any funds to hold the annual meeting at this new location. Wilmot presented a facility with environmental control, low economic input, and a capacity appropriate for the annual meeting. Some members of the committee expressed concern that holding the meeting at an alternate location would affect attendance. Although people would likely be more physically comfortable than they were at the meetings during the last two years, and postings could be made to ensure that the community knew where to go, the committee ultimately decided to stick with what people know. The committee would like to receive public input on either holding the meeting at a different time of year when weather conditions are more favorable or at a different location that would accommodate the weather conditions. Corinne stated she would contact David Cox concerning moving the Annual Meeting to a location outside the district to see if Wilmot High School is even an option. Pam suggested that the community would not be interested in a weekend-long or day-long event such as "Lake Days" even if it were held in an environmentally controlled atmosphere. The committee agreed to have this year's motto: "Working Together" be the theme of the meeting and Joe stated he would work on slide format for the presentation.

Finally, Corinne reported on findings from the Steering Council Meeting concerning grant writing and future projects. She explained that the Council members felt grant writing was

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too tedious to attack in house and addressed some of the issues that have come out of previous grants written for the Esch Road project. Gerry Wrench suggested looking at the Round Lake Beach Phase 2 from the EPA for help in advancing the project and increasing possibilities for obtaining grant funding. Corinne stated she would take it back to the Steering Council.

New Business:

The committee members reviewed each of the parcels to be visited then went to see what each parcel had to offer. Most of the parcels were small pump stations that did not offer much in the way of future use, but committee members and volunteers came up with many great options for parcels providing a little space. Corinne thanked everyone for coming and providing input.

Next Meeting Date: April 14, 2007 @ 10:00AM; Twin Lakes Village Hall

Adjourned: 11:12AM