

Duanesburg Park Commission Meeting November 1, 2022 Minutes

Attending: Deanna Fox, Jean Frisbee, Marcy Fusilier, Josh Houghton, Elaine McCarthy, Bill Wenzel

Absent: Debby Peters

Van Patten Park

- The Youth Bureau needs paperwork on the Duanesburg Parks Program. A face-to-face meeting is scheduled with the Parks Program staff (Elaine) for November 30, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting place is TBA.
- Someone was scheduled to attend the Parks Committee meeting to talk about a disc golf course at Van Patten Park but he was absent.
 - The space in the park is tight for a course. There may not be enough space for nine holes.
 - Bill asked Kenji to walk the potential course to check on the property borders and deep ravines. The property is wooded but other disc golf courses are in wooded areas. After Dale Warner returns from vacation, Bill will ask for his input.
 - The person proposing the course should provide a plan. There are questions about how much use the course will get, insurance, maintenance, and its role for the Parks Program.
- Jen Howe got more prices on playground equipment.
 - The vendor will do installation. There are two vendors. One costs \$10,000 less than the other. The installation cost is \$34,000. \$30,000 was approved by the county. The Town has enough funds to cover the balance.
 - The equipment will be installed by December 31, 2022.
 - It will be set up where the park “turtle” is now. The turtle will be moved to a different location on the playground.
 - There is an annual inspection on the playground equipment.

Shafer Park

- Pictures of the disc golf tournament were distributed to Parks Committee members.
- The park is getting a lot of use for basketball and football.
- The Snowmobile Club has not yet put up a directional sign. They’ve run over trees in the past.
- Smart locks were suggested for the park bathrooms. This would allow the bathrooms to be locked with a phone app. A security camera for the bathrooms was also proposed. After the Town budget is done, the upgrades will be considered as all part of a single project.

Town Forest

- The trail in the Town Forest is muddy. Boardwalks are rotted and the green trail markings are hard to see. The trails are also hard to find in the snow.

- To update the trail markers: tree marking paint will last longer than decals. Bill will ask for an order of one gallon of paint for marking trees along the trail. The existing green trail markers will be changed to pink.
- The county does maintenance and will do its part on marking the trails.
- The forest boundary line should be better maintained before more trails are added.

Other

- In the future, copies of the Parks Committee meeting minutes must be filed in the Town Clerk's Office. This is because it is necessary to be open about committee operations. Minutes are currently not posted.
- Chris Parslow has not yet talked to Bill about the planned ice rink.
- Three to four signs were suggested for the highway entry points to Duanesburg. Budget is an issue. Volunteerism is down so there is a proposal for additional paid staff for DVAC. Also, some town residents are sensitive to budget increases. Costs for the signs could be reduced by having them made by a county sign shop, if there is one. Donations could be solicited for wood and labor. Deanna will look into grants to cover costs.

The next meeting will be held on December 6, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcy Fusilier