Meeting Minutes for Tassel Top Board Meeting

The Tassel Top Board Meeting to discuss the progress report written by Sue LaMarre, was held on May 22, 2012 from 6:10pm to 8:55pm. In attendance at the meeting were: Sue LaMarre, Bob Metz, Steve Crocket, Phyllis Burnham, Charlie Leavitt and Shauna Peffer.

I. Discussion

- a. Review of Sue's Outline
 - i. Park Maintenance
 - 1. The old small steps used for the path from the upper to lower parking lot have been removed & the opening fenced off
 - 2. New path through woods from upper parking lot is in the making
 - 3. Inmates helped with clean-up of park
 - 4. Renter's path is almost complete
 - a. Guard fences and timbers to stop erosion have been installed
 - 5. Old fence posts were recycled and used for the path
 - 6. Three new grills need to be ordered
 - a. Purchasing grills from Northern Tool
 - 7. Trees
 - a. CMP has been called to look at trees that need to be removed
 - i. Will be at park within 30 days
 - ii. Projects (will be prioritized/completed in order of need and cost)
 - 1. Chest freezer is needed for snack shack
 - a. Looking to purchase from Bob Yates
 - b. Deciding between 4ft and 6ft chest freezer
 - 2. History Board
 - a. Jim Hall has given Sue pictures that he had of the park
 - b. Sue met with him twice this past fall and discussed the history of the park
 - Tassel Top's name came to be when his parents had some Canadian loggers come to cut down pine trees – "tassel tops" are what the loggers called the pine trees
 - d. History board will also pay tribute to Jim Hall
 - i. A bench in Jim's name was discussed for paying tribute to him, it was decided that the history board will honor him instead
 - e. Continue to enhance appearance of chute in the upper parking lot
 - 3. Addition of deck onto main cabin if approved
 - a. Sue will be getting estimates for costs of windows for ventilation vs. installing door where the big glass picture windows are
 - i. Sue will email findings once estimates are received
 - b. Proposed deck has been redesigned to only out to the rock wall
 - 1. Rock wall will need to be repaired
 - c. Electrical outlet will need to be moved under middle picture window

- i. Jeremy is familiar with the electrical wiring and can come move the outlet
- d. There will be one step down to the deck
- 4. Parking
 - a. All parking spots are now numbered
 - i. This has allowed there to be many more parking spots
- 5. Set-up play area behind snack shack
 - a. Suggestions for games were horseshoes, volley ball and badminton
 - It was decided for safety reasons that the park would go forward with setting up an area for badminton and volley ball, but not horse shoes

iii. Approved by board

- An EMT last year asked to receive two passes for the price of one so that he can bring his vehicle to join his family at the beach when he's on call
 - a. *Charlie Leavitt went officially on record as saying he was completely opposed to allowing preferential treatment to the EMT or anyone else
 - b. The board decided that no preferential treatment be given to the EMT or any patron of the park
- 2. For Sue's safety at the park, she has been authorized to obtain and carry pepper spray per receiving a review of the training to use the pepper spray by someone from the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department
 - a. Sue will be contacting someone from the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department to come out to give her a refresher course
 - The pepper spray is a safety precaution primarily in the evening close to closing time when she alone and counting the money received from the parks patrons
- 3. Seasonal Pass for Park
 - a. The unlimited number of people allowed in on the "unlimited pass" for the park has been set from "legal limit per vehicle" to "up to 8 passengers"

iv. Fishing Derby

- 1. Request letter for usage of the park
 - a. So that there is a paper trail, it's asked that a letter from Ingo Hartig be received by September 1st of each year requesting usage of the park for the ice fishing tournament
- 2. Fees associated with use of the park
 - a. So that someone is at the park to facilitate the opening and closing of the gate and to keep track of anyone using the park, it's been asked that Sue be hired to work the gatehouse
 - i. The electricity will need to be turned on to power the gatehouse
 - ii. Gatehouse will need to be heated

- iii. To provide compensation to Sue for her time and other costs associated with opening the park, it's been suggested that there be a fee of \$200 per day for the use of the park for the tournament
 - Nathan takes care of the plowing during the winter so there will be no cost associated with needing to plow

b. Questions discussed and to be revisited in the fall

- i. Liability
 - 1. What is the parks liability to patrons
 - a. Do patrons automatically assume their risk upon entering the park
 - 2. How is the park insured
 - a. Through town?
 - i. *Sue recently sent out an email addressing this. She wrote "I called Nancy to see about the liability insurance for the park as was discussed and instructed at the meeting. She said we are covered in and out of season as all other things having to do with the Town are. She will get me a letter from the insurance company so we will have that information in writing and on hand."
 - 3. Do signs need to be put up warning patrons of entering park at their own risk
 - a. Where should signs or signage be placed
- ii. Deck
 - Should rate for renters be increased to recoup money spent on building the deck
 - 2. What would the maintenance be for the deck
- iii. Fees for usage of the park
 - 1. Revisit the amount that should be charged to patrons using the park off season for various events
 - a. The park can only be booked for events off season

^{*}Next meeting is set for September or October 2012