

4-19-2008 – TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION

Present:

Councilman Ann M. Bean
Councilman Ronald L. Kenyon
Councilman Heather M. Phelps
Councilman Norman J. Uhteg
Supervisor Kathleen M. Balus

Town Clerk Betsy A. Marsh

5 guests: Building Caretaker Dennis Dick, Doug Domster, Jay Burney, Denise Schiener, Dan Moltrup.

The Sardinia Town Board held a Work Session on Saturday, April 19, 2008 at the Sardinia Veterans Memorial Park on Genesee Rd. The Town Clerk provided proof of publication of Notice of the Meeting. Supervisor Balus called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

The Supervisor discussed the things she would like to see accomplished at the Town Hall/Community Center, including having the blacktop cut back so that electricity can be run to the Christmas tree, and the new parking configuration can be implemented. She stated that the new Building Caretaker, Dennis Dick is very self motivated and is doing a very good job, and would like him to work at the Park, also, doing some of the clean-up and fix-up there. She stated he could put in up to 19 ½ hours in each line, since they are different lines. The Supervisor stated she will be meeting with Ray Joseph from TVGA about another matter, and will ask him about phasing in some of the re-working of the Town Hall/Community Center, starting with the back entrance, since parking will be in the back. The Supervisor stated she would also like to see the Little League baseball diamond moved back to allow more Parking.

The parks were then discussed by Board members. The Supervisor asked if the Highway Department had built any picnic tables, as was the plan. No one was certain if there were new tables done or not. Another project that was discussed and determined to be in need of work included the blacktopping of the basketball courts at both Parks and Councilman Uhteg stated he would contact John Matuszak for a price quote. Security cameras were discussed, and Councilman Phelps stated that there is apparently no such thing as a completely wireless security camera system. She stated that she has been told it would cost approximately \$10,000.00 to hard-wire a system that would cover all of the Park shelters. The issue was discussed, and it was felt that it may not be cost effective to purchase and install such a system. The Supervisor suggested they look into renting the security equipment, and stated she knows of a gentleman that rents out the cameras.

The upcoming Earth Day celebration was discussed and the Supervisor stated that on the day before, Saturday, April 26th, volunteers will be asked to meet at the Community Center at 10:00 AM to do "road work". They will be given garbage bags and will be assigned an area to clean up, and the areas will include Rt. 39, the Park, and anywhere else they feel needs to be cleaned up. The Supervisor also noted that there is a house that needs some yard work done, and has a dead tree in the front. Councilman Bean will try and contact the elderly lady that lives there and see if she would allow a few volunteers to clean it up for her. Town resident Doug Domster stated he would help with tree trimming at that residence and would also be willing to help Mr. Dick in the Park. Other possible Earth Day projects discussed were the weeding of the flower beds in the front of the Park, and the painting of the "Welcome to Sardinia" signs on the major routes. The Supervisor stated she will work on an ad for the volunteers to meet at the Community Center on Saturday, April 26th, and Councilman Uhteg will get paint brushes and paint for the signs. Supervisor Balus stated she knows of someone that may be willing to work on the gardens, and will contact her. She also suggested that posters be put at the various churches, and that the pastors ask to please announce the event.

The Board then toured the Park and noted the problem areas:

- It was noted that the park shelter roofs need work, and especially Shelters #1, 2, and 4. The old restroom roof was also noted to be in bad shape, and the windows need to be secured from any possible vandalism. It was felt that the building should be kept and used for storage. It was decided to put the Park Shelter roofs, and the old restroom roof out for bids. The Supervisor stated she would contact a contractor to draw up specs, and it would be advertised for sealed bids.
- The pool was inspected and some sort of shade for the parents and anyone else in the pool area will be constructed. The kiddie pool fence was discussed, as well as the pump, and Walter Baker, the Certified Pool Operator, will be asked to do the necessary work to make sure it is up and running for the summer.
- It was felt that the bleachers at the baseball diamonds were either in need of work or in need of replacement. It was noted that there are no bleachers for the ball diamonds at Manion Park, and it was decided that Councilman Uhteg and Supervisor Balus will look into prices for bleachers at both parks.
- Dan Moltrup informed that the Oddfellows organization has discussed funding the installation of lights on the baseball diamond backstop to light the hill at the Genesee Rd. Park for sledding.
- The Board agreed that the new restrooms should have a blacktop apron, rather than the pea gravel that is there, in order that it be handicapped accessible, and Councilman Uhteg will also address that blacktopping work when he contacts John Matuszak about the basketball courts.
- The playgrounds were inspected and several small items such as loose bolts and a stair tread in need of replacing were found, and will be taken care of by Dennis Dick. Two areas were found that were a bigger safety issue, however, and will need more work. It was determined that a box should be built on the ground around the ladder to the timber playground and filled with rubber mulch, and a similar box should be built around the small, circular slide on that playground, and also filled with rubber mulch. Mr. Dick will do that work as soon as possible.
- The Board decided that the handicapped sandbox should be removed.

Many things were found that should be done to make the park safer and more presentable, including the trimming of low tree branches to prevent injuries, painting of fences, trim work, etc., and it was felt that two part time workers would be

needed. After discussion, on a motion by Supervisor Balus, seconded by Councilman Phelps, Dennis Dick and F. Douglas Domster were hired as par time Park Maintenance Workers at an hourly rate of \$12.00. Carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes.

Concerning Manion Park in Chaffee, Councilmen Kenyon and Phelps will meet and make a list of equipment and repairs that are needed in that park, and bring it back to the Board.

The Board discussed moving along with the re-roofing of the Park Shelters and the old restroom, and since it was the desire of the Board to put the project out for bids as soon as possible, on a motion by Balus, seconded by Uhteg, the Supervisor was authorized to have specifications drawn up, and as soon as they are done, advertise for bids for the re-roofing of the four main Park Shelters and the old restroom building at Veterans Memorial Park on Genesee Rd., with a bid opening date of May 14, 2008, and to require a two week time frame for completion of the work, once the bid is awarded. Carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes.

The Board also stated its desire to black top the apron in front of the Park restroom building at Veterans Memorial Park on Genesee Rd. to make it more handicapped accessible and the basketball courts at both the Veterans Memorial and the Manion Parks, and on a motion by Balus, seconded by Bean, the Supervisor was authorized to have specifications drawn up, and as soon as they are done, advertise for bids for the blacktopping of the apron in front of the new restroom building at Veterans Memorial Park and the blacktopping of the basketball courts at both parks, and to require a two week time frame for completion of the work, once the bid is awarded. Carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes.

The Supervisor reiterated that the playground safety issues will be taken care of as soon as possible, and last year's recreation rules were discussed, and will be further reviewed at future meetings.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on a motion by Uhteg, seconded by Bean, the Work Session was adjourned at 12:32 PM. Carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Town Clerk