

Ohmer Park Meeting

Saturday September 27, 2008

Introductions were made by Roxann Hiiter.

Brainstorm Session was held and ideas were offered as to what attendees would like to see added/improved at the park. They were:

Bathrooms and Seating

Playground

Pavillion

“Event” area w/ permanent seating

Plant T rees

Fencing around the Baseball Area and turn the higher area into seating

Driveway off from M-24 that could be gated

Tim Sudowski read a letter of support from Camp Fowler.

It was suggested that the Master Gardeners who work at the Fowler Center may also be interested in gardening at the park.

It was suggested that we look into the lighting at the ball diamond and see if it is adequate.

Bud Walker expressed concern about vandalism and how we could control it.

The World War II Memorial was discussed.

Concrete horseshoe pits were discussed.

Frank Franzel mentioned adding campsites. Chris Larabell said he thinks the Boy Scouts would be interested in helping us maintain the campsites.

Property lines were discusses.

It was suggested that the Tim Sadowski (Village Manager) contact Mike Treat and discuss the possibility of the village purchasing the land adjacent to Ohmer Park. It was stated that Mike was believed to own 18 acres.

We discussed where the parking would be, and if there would be lighting.

Removing the old trees was discussed. It was decided that this should be one of our first steps.

Elaine Ross-Fiorillo said the Young Marines might be interested in holding events in the park.

Tim Sadowski suggested digging a shallow lake. He shared with us the success that his previous employer had with digging a lake.

The size of the pavilion was discussed. Frank Franzel suggested that we visit other pavilions in the area. The materials used to make the pavilion was discussed. We would like to see bathrooms added to the pavilion. We decided we would like to make the bathrooms out of concrete so that it is

sturdy and hold up well.

The need for trash receptacles was mentioned by Chris Larabell.

There was some discussion about walking trails being added.

The old pavilion was discussed. Ray Whitaker suggested that if we were going to remove it, we should utilize the cement that is already there and add a basketball hoop.

Funding was discussed as follows:

An engraved brick fundraiser was suggested. Holli Johnson and Roxann Hiiter are going to look into the cost and potential companies.

It was suggested that we could write a grant to the Arleen Western Trust for the funds to construct the driveway on 24. It was discussed that the drive should be our first priority, and the cost is going to be considerable.

Tim Sadowski shared with us that there are grants available to revamp the ballfield.

Chris Larabell suggested selling advertising on the back of the dugouts.

The Old Pavillion area was discussed again. Marge Sugden thought we should use it for something else besides basketball courts. It was suggested that we use that area as a memorial. Again, it was suggested that the Master Gardeners would be helpful making the area more appealing.

It was suggested that we purchase a new sign for the park.

Our next meeting was scheduled. It will be a clean up meeting. We will be cutting down old trees. Those who help will have first choice at the wood.

We will be meeting Saturday October 11, 2008 at 8 a.m.