

MEETING POSTED

The Preble Town Recreation Committee will hold an organizational meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Preble Town Hall. The public is invited to attend.

SPECIAL MEETING REGARDING RECREATION COMMITTEE DECEMBER 16, 2014

Residents attending: Al Socha, Rose Socha, Judy Griffen, Ken Brock, Debra Brock, Jill Sears, Renee Compton, Anne Henderson, Betty Ann Pitman, and Nancy Dalley

The special meeting was opened by Supervisor Doring at 7:37 focusing on the park this last year. He brought up the subject of the overhead doors which were installed 5 years ago; the doors and installation not being approved by the Board. The tree planting "Spruce Up America" and the Summer Youth Program was met with much resistance by the Recreation Committee. He stated that this committee should be working with the Town Board but it appears that is not the case.

The meeting was turned over to Peter Knapp and gave his recollection of when the town had 3 girls softball teams and 3 boys baseball/softball teams and the park was used. During his 10 years as Supervisor, he was glad to have the Recreation Committee and noted during that time he was only called to the park two times. There have been no ball teams in two years. Times are changing and the park is being used more and there have been trips for the kids along with their arts and crafts. The fees which are paid by the families using the park are returned to them if they have taken care of their garbage and have left the pavilion as they found it.

A calendar will be set up on the Website for residents to check for available dates to use the pavilion; first come, first served!

Peter mentioned that this last summer, vouchers were just handed to the Board. He believes someone should be appointed to handle the vouchers. His suggestion is the Town Clerk.

Peter also mentioned that when ball fields were made, the kids in town picked stone with Hank and believes that it is the reason the trees planted this year did not survive. He also remarked that his mother-in-law had backed over one tree. He commented that the Town Board and the Recreation should work together.

Anne Henderson, a prior Supervisor, stated that when the land for the park was first purchased, the Town and the Fire Department worked together. The firemen built the pavilion. The swings from the school were moved to the park. Suit-Kote paved the basketball court.

Supervisor Doring believes it is time for a change; dissolve the current Recreation Committee and appoint new people; and hoping for volunteers. He would like the Chairman to communicate with the Town Board and attend the monthly meetings. The current Recreation

Committee will be disbanded for one month and possibly 5-7 members will be appointed on the new committee. He is encouraging anyone who is interested to come to the January meeting.

Judy Griffen – Sounds like a good plan and a good idea to help out Homer School's baseball team while the school is renovating.

Supervisor Doring expressed his thoughts that the ball field would be used and the Homer coach and his crews would upgrade the fields. Having a baseball team on the fields, Jim feels there will be more interest in the park.

Peter thanked everyone for coming.

Betty Ann Pitman, a prior supervisor, asked if a deposit for cleanup prior to using the park will still be in effect; the answer being yes. This deposit is returned if park is cleaned.

Supervisor Doring closed the meeting at 8:12.

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Respectfully submitted,

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