

## **Parks Board Meeting**

Tuesday, June 28, 2011

**Present:** Lou Conti, Jack Landon, Stephen E. Podewell.

**Absent:** Tim Britain, Dan Knight

**Guests Present:** Dick Bennett (Ranger), Lee Stoneburner (Ranger), Marshall Champion, Newt Covault, Ilse Gehlrard, Mike Lampen.

**I. Call to Order** - Jack. Meeting started promptly at 6:00 p.m.

**II. Modifications to Agenda** – Modification to add Communications Report. Approved by All.

**III. Minutes from May 31, 2011 Meeting.** Minutes approved as modified. Jack made a motion to approve. Lou seconded it. All in favor. Approved.

**IV. Financial Report:** \$1900 in budget, \$1100 in electrical budget, \$1050 in restricted fund. Alamo Township paid the Alamo Township Park electrical bill.

**V. Communications Report:** Our Press Release, from the Parks Board, was edited without our knowledge. A request was made by the Parks Board that all future Alamo Township Newletters be mailed in a timely fashion so that residents can be informed and have the ability to attend upcoming events.

### **VI. Rangers Report:**

Ranger Dick: June 18 (Volunteer Day) went well. We cleared trails and cut wood. Lee cut up some trees that had fallen across 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Some trash had been picked up. The trout rock structure has been tampered with. Lou will replace three bridge wood structures (spindles). Not too many people in the park, other than when the little league games were going on, or the day of the Car Show on June 25, 2011.

Ranger Lee: Stated that he is working different hours than Dick Bennett, so that there is more coverage of a ranger in the park.

It was stated that both Dick and Lee have gone above and beyond all of our expectations. They have done a great job!

### **VII. Old & New Business:**

#### **A. 2011 Classic Car Show:**

Alamo's 2011 Classics in the Park (Car, Truck, Bike, and Tractor Show) held on Saturday, June 25, 2011 went extremely well. Attendance and registration exceeded previous years. The weather was simply perfect. The Boy Scouts also did a great job, especially with the Pancake Breakfast. People used the Patriots' Pavilion.

#### **B. Trout Unlimited:** Alamo Township resident and Trout Unlimited representative stated that trout were put in the creek in March 2011. There were 1000 deposited down on 6<sup>th</sup> Street and 900 at DE Avenue for a total of 1900 brown trout deposited in the creek. We need more insects for trout food, especially: mayfly, caddis, midges, and stonefly. They

found an average amount of caddis fly and may fly. Not many stone fly were found. A few damsel nymphs were found, and a few spinner larva, and some midge larva. A "29" rating of fair was given. Silver Creek in Kalamazoo, for example, was given a rating of "48." The trout deposited in our creek were 6 inches in length. They should double in size in a year. We need more woody debris in there. We'll need to open up the canopy a little bit. Trout Unlimited will be back in the Fall 2011. The Boy Scouts are looking for a few projects. Marshall stated that more woody debris and opening up the canopy a little bit will help 100%. He suggested that we use old Christmas trees after next Christmas.

**C. Patriots' Pavilion:** Dedication will be held at 1:00 p.m. on September 11, 2011. We've asked political leaders to be here. Dawn Potter Williams is organizing for many political leaders to be there. Boy Scouts, cub scouts, and girl scouts will be there. An Alamo Ice Cream Social will be held.

**D. Five-Year Plan Discussion:** Ongoing discussion. We want a playground area for kids, an adult play area (horseshoe pits, bocce ball courts), campsite for Boy Scouts, expanding cross-country /walking trails, little bridge, trout area, and parking lot changes.

A proposal for a Children's play area at Alamo Community Park was made. Stephen made a motion for a children's play area at Alamo Community Park that includes a treehouse. Funding will come from the donations from the Car Show and from the Alamo Foundation Fund. See printed attachment at Alamo Township Hall. Lou seconded motion. Two in favor and one opposed.

**E. VII. Citizen Comments:**

Dick B.: The Alamo Township Newsletter came out too late.

Newt C.: We had some fence issues at the car show. He stated that we need a slide gate to alleviate the issues. There were over 200 cars at the Car Show. Lee stated that others need keys to the concession stand, utility shed, and restrooms. Dick will make copies of the keys and get them to Lee S.

Mike L.: Alamo Baseball would like to put up another batting cage (14' wide x 12' high x 70' long) Mike thanked the Parks Board. We thanked Mike Lampen! Thank you Mike and Family!

A question was raised as to what insurance is on the concession stand, etc? The question will be asked at the Alamo Township Meeting in July 2011.

**VIII. Adjourn:** Stephen made a motion to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. Lou seconded it. All in Favor. Approved. Respectfully submitted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011.

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Stephen E. Podewell