

**Town of Barnes Tourism Committee meeting
Wednesday, September 3, 2014 8:30 am.
Barnes Town Hall, Barnes, WI**

Members present: Tom Krob, Barb Romstad, Julie Bohl, Suzanne Widmar
Absent: Sharon Hough

Also present: PJ Foat, Donna Porter, Susan Pagnucci, Bruce Hanson

8:30 am –Chairperson Suzanne Widmar called the meeting to order

1. Verification of public notice/quorum established

Suzanne verified public notice had been posted per state statutes. Suzanne conducted a roll call of the members present to establish a quorum; quorum established.

2. Approval of August minutes

Suzanne made a motion to approve the minutes of the July meeting, Julie second; motion carried.

3. Agenda approval

Julie made a motion to approve the agenda as posted, Barb second; motion carried. Barb made a motion to move item #6 to the end of the list of agenda items anticipating that the group may have a longer discussion on that topic and digress on related issues, second Tom; motion carried.

4. Little League baseball tournament

Tom introduced the idea of having Barnes host a Little League tournament in the area. The group discussed the concept. PJ recommended calling John Bonk to find out the process. PJ agreed to make the call and report back to the group at the next meeting.

5. Tomahawk Park

Some cleanup has been done at the park and Tom indicated it looked pretty good. Suzanne thought that a spring cleanup of the park next year would be a good idea. The group also talked about having a plan for next spring including installing a fire pit, chip trails and better signage. Funding for the Tomahawk Park improvements will be from the Park and Recreation budget. Barb will get pricing for the proposed signage. Susan will talk to Annie Brovald about drawing a plan for the park and she will also take care of announcing the spring cleanup in 2015. Tom added that installing a new piece of playground equipment next year would also enhance the park.

6. Zoning

PJ discussed changing the zoning of all the town property to municipal. He is in the process of working through the procedures of rezoning the properties. Some discussion took place about the Barnes Industrial Park. Bruce Hanson indicated that it would be a good idea to

leave the Industrial Park zoned as it is because it might be difficult to have it rezoned should we ever want an industrial area in the future.

Barb asked the Park and Recreation people at the meeting about their request before Barnes Planning and Land Use Committee. A meeting to address the request was scheduled with Gene Ratzle.

7. Indianhead Vacation Guide

Tom brought a copy of the Indian Head Vacation Guide which is distributed to people at tourism shows. The group decided it would be a good idea to have the publication representative come and talk to us.

8. Budget matters

Tom talked to the group about putting together a budget. We asked for \$1000 at the annual meeting and it was approved. Now is the time to make an official request. Some discussion took place about the website and other items that will need funding. Julie made a motion to request \$5,000 be included in the 2015 TOB budget for the Tourism Committee projects, Suzanne second; motion carried. We need to prepare a line item budget for the \$5,000.

Suzanne turned the chair of the meeting to Tom Krob at 9:30 am.

9. 2015 Canoe/Kayak event

We have a small group signed up for the exploratory trip this Saturday. Several folks can't make it however the group decided we couldn't postpone the trip any longer. This will be a trip to check out the route of the former and possibly future canoe race.

Barb advised the group that Scott Lundberg has given the TOB Tourism Committee permission to portage the dam across his property this weekend and also in 2015 should we host the proposed canoe/kayak race. She also briefly discussed the different step involved in making a 2015 canoe/kayak race happen and how we might secure funding and volunteer staffing. A separate meeting to work out details of a path forward on the 2015 event will be scheduled following the September 6th exploratory trip.

10. Other business

- Bruce Hanson distributed an outline of the topics discussed at the August 27, 2014 Bayfield County Tourism Community Partners Meeting.

11. Next meeting date

The next meeting of the TOB Tourism Committee will be Wednesday, October 1, 2014, 8:30 am at the Barnes Town Hall.

12. Adjourn

Julie made a motion to adjourn, Tom second; motion carried.

The September 3, 2014 meeting of the TOB Tourism Committee adjourned at 9:55 am.