

Mohegan Park Improvement and Development Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2008

Meeting called to order at 5:25pm

Members present:

Alderman Jon Jacaruso, Alderman Chris Coutu, Kevin Crowley, Kerry Bilda, Brandon Hyde (Chair)

Minutes from July meeting accepted; J Jacaruso, C Coutu 2nd.

Financial Report

Accepted- J Jacaruso, C Coutu 2nd

B Hyde noted there are monies in the committee account. Also, there are new swing sets in both playground areas.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion held on road closure

J Jacaruso informed the committee the commission of the city plan has the authority to decide, then recommend to City Council, whether to close a city road or not.

J Jacaruso stated he spoke with the woman who owns the parrot and complained about road closure in the park. J Jacaruso gave her directions to other roads in the park. He stated the woman called back later that day thanking him, as she did not know other roads existed.

C Coutu stated he knows of at least five different people who have complained to him about the closing of the road.

J Jacaruso stated several persons he has spoken with, including Norwich Police Chief Fusaro and Recreation Director Lou DePina, are in favor of closing the road.

Motion put forth from the committee to; "Recommend the year round closure of Mohegan Park road." K Bilda, K Crowley 2nd. (4-0 -1 C Coutu abstained from voting stating concerns from senior citizens.)

Wireless Access to Mohegan Park

C Coutu reported Norwich Public Utilities has already started using fiber optic lines in the city and that General Manager John Bilda has been notified of the intention to have wireless service throughout the park.

OTHER BUSINESS:

J Jacaruso stated that committee members may want to consider options (playground, picnic area) for the section of property if the closure of the road is approved.

K Crowley noted Family Day is being held on Sunday September 21. Every year it is a great success for the city and the park.

Fishing derby fundraiser was held for Shawn Hill last week and it was a big draw to Mohegan Park.

K Crowley requested to state for the record that although J Loyacano decided to move city workers from being stationed in Mohegan Park, the services being provided to the park did not miss a beat and the park looked wonderful all summer long.

Meeting adjourned 6:58 pm. C Coutu , J Jacarsuo 2nd

Submitted,


Kerry Bilda