

OSIC Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, July 10, 2019, 7:00 PM

Butterick Municipal Building -- Room 201

In attendance: Jim Wilkinson, Jeff Keay, Chuck Plaisted, Rob Protano

Meeting called to order: 7:03pm.

1. J. Wilkinson moved to accept the agenda for July 10, 2019. Motion 2nd by R. Protano and carried unanimously.
2. Note taker: J. Keay volunteered.
3. J. Wilkinson moved to accept the minutes of the June 19, 2019 meeting with amendments. Motion 2nd by R. Potano and carried unanimously.
4. Final Budget Report for FY2019
 - J. Wilkinson reported that our remaining budget of \$1,388 was spent on the following items:
 - purchase of a hedge trimmer.
 - elimination of poison ivy and grass cutting for Waushacum Trail and Mudgett Orchard.
 - printing of Sterling Trails brochures.
 - Suggested that 2020 budget monies be apportioned by March of next year.
5. Report on Stillwater Basin Trail Kiosk
 - R. Protano and J. Keay will meet to mark location for the kiosk.
 - R. Protano in contact with Chris Tetreault to determine his availability for helping with kiosk construction. Will also contact the DPW to dig holes for installation after location is marked and kiosk is constructed. Noted that Sterling Municipal Light has an auger capable of providing holes for the kiosk.
6. Report on Public Hike listings in newspapers
 - Noted that hikes were published in the Item, Meetinghouse News, and the Landmark as well as on the OSIC Facebook page.
 - Discussed ideas for increasing participation in our public hikes.
7. Report on Court Reconstruction Progress
 - C. Plaisted reported on the reconstruction of the tennis/pickleball and basketball courts at the West Sterling Park and Playground. Noted that they are working on the net posts, fence posts, and basketball posts, and that the initial asphaltting has been done.
 - Felt that the timeliness and quality of construction so far has been very good.

8. Report on Sterling Master Plan Progress

C. Plaisted reported that the Master Plan Committee has been chosen. Noted that he and M. Larson are on the Open Space Subcommittee.

R. Protano is on the Affordable Housing Subcommittee.

9. Next steps to finalize the updated Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP)

Agreed to table this agenda item until the August meeting.

10. OSIC participation in the Sterling Fair

Agreed to participate in this year's fair. C. Plaisted will contact the fair committee and check with P. Pedersen and M. Larson to see if Sterling Land Trust would like to share a booth with us.

11. New Business

Discussion on the possible removal of the hill at Griffin Field to provide room to improve recreational opportunities, and as a possible location for a town recreation center. C. Plaisted will contact K. Dietel to further discuss the idea.

J. Keay and R. Protano met with V. Buckley to walk and discuss a possible path from the Senior Center to Peg's Nature Pond. V. Buckley was enthusiastic about the possibility. J. Keay will follow up by researching land ownership, getting needed permissions, determining best routes and type of trail and how the project can be carried out (i.e. use of Boy Scouts).

R. Protano reported on his attendance at the latest meeting of the DPW board. Noted the possible extension of parking at the Senior Center.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 14

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Jeff Keay