

OPEN SPACE PLANNING and OPERATING COMMITTEE
MINUTES

November 17, 2010

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Present: Pam Meyers, Margaret Sabo, Mike Costa, Kathy Kudla, Bill Karn

Absent: Mike Halper

Guest: Bernie Kucharski

Meeting called to order : 7:10 PM

Approved Minutes of : May 13, 2010

The new roof completion. We all felt it was a very good job and were pleased with the performance of the contractor.

Pam requested Kevin Bumsted to provide a outline so we can get quotes for the farm house siding, windows and doors so we can close the exterior for winter. Margaret felt we should push this project to get the building closed before the cold weather sets in. Pam explained she is doing her best to get Kevin to provide the information. Bill offered now that he is back to contact Kevin. Pam felt she should continue to contact Kevin so we do not gang up on him. Bernie offered to put up plywood cover to protect the interior until we can get the siding complete. Pam felt we should try and to get the siding done first and not spend any extra money for plywood. It was agreed we would try to get the necessary information from Kevin and go for quotes.

Pam discussed the Will County Land Use inspection of the rental unit floor and the necessity of having a Structural Engineer check the floor support. It appears the crawl space does not have sufficient depth to do a good inspection and make necessary repairs. Will County suggest we take out the entire floor area so we can excavate and make what ever repairs are required. Bernie suggested that maybe we could remove the sink cabinet and cut the flood just back of the cabinet mounting area so we would not have to replace the whole floor. It was agreed that Bernie and Bill would be in attendance when the Structural Engineer arrives for the inspection.

Kathy and Margaret reported on the progress of the new committee working on the Native Plant Garden. Pam said there have been numerous comments made to the office about the appearance of the native plant area. This project was originally started by Joan McGowan and when she moved no one has taken care of it. The committee has held two meetings and have set several goals. Nancy Kuhajda of the University of Illinois Extension Service and Master Gardener coordinator has volunteered her services and has made many suggestions for various layouts so the area will look good with help from lay people including Boy Scouts and other interested people. Dawn Hensen from boy scout troop 63 in Homer is a committee member.

The wind blew over the wire silo. Pam contacted Walt Konow to see if he had any equipment that maybe used to stand it up but he did not. We will have to keep looking for some one.

Discussed the possibility of having a roll off Dumpster on site to collect junk when volunteers are available. They are very expensive to rent we should see if there are some free dumpsters available. The other suggestion was to have a central area to pile the refuse until we get enough to fill a dumpster.

Discussed presenting the volunteer recognition plaque to the Town Board at he December meeting and then Bernie and Bill will mount the board in the Trantina barn.

We discussed the proposed Time Line chart Will County requested and Bill had made. Everyone felt we can not predict starting dates and would always look like we are not getting the job done. It was agreed Bernie and Bill will review the list of items to make sure we have everything required in the correct order and not try to predict when we will start or finish the various items. The list will provide a guide of what is required and we can set up work days as time permits to accomplish each item.

We discussed the Land mark status for the farm house. Bill will look up all the required forms from Will County and we will discuss the procedure at the next meeting.

Pam presented a form for Park and Recreation grant but felt we missed the start date so should keep it in mind if they offer it in the future. She pointed out to apply you must have everything ready when the opportunity presents its self.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM

Minutes Approved by the OSPO Committee

Bill Karn Chairman