Five Year Plan Committee Minutes

March 27, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 11:20 by Chair Elaine Brigman.

The usual suspects were present; committee members John Steward, Nora Grey, Jurgen Haedicke and David Leeman

The minutes of Mar. 13th were approved.

Initial discussion concerned the perception that at our last meeting the committee strayed away from our stated mission.

The committee needs to look at what we can accomplish and look toward small successes. It was thought that while the many suggestions we received were valid long-term objectives, the reality is that many would cause undue financial burdens on the park to achieve in the 5 year window.

We also have to keep in mind that the requirement for having 75% membership approval of material changes to the park will require sound and justifiable reasoning to override any perceived impediments to achieving success.

It was discussed that we should undertake a review of the park’s assets and current plans to ensure our reserves and budgets will allow us to act upon longer term goals to replace or upgrade facilities and infrastructure or even add new. For example, the suggested depreciation on the clubhouse is 20+ years. Does the reserve allocation equal the accumulated depreciation plus inflation? Would there be enough in the reserves to refurbish the building?

The committee direction should be to more closely align our five-year goals with current and planned renovations and upgrades keeping in mind the need to ensure reserves or other finances are available.

It was agreed that we, as a committee, would undertake a review of assets, use the clubhouse bathrooms upgrade as the first element of our 5 Year Plan and research solar heating for the pool.

It was suggested that we may have to change our committee name to the Multi-year Planning Committee.

As this was the last meeting for the current season, the committee would plan on having its next meeting in November. But during the summer committee members are encouraged to reflect on our work so far and offer any suggestions that will enhance our mandate upon return.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25.