

**Town of Barnes Tourism Committee meeting
Thursday, May 29, 2014 8:30 am.
Barnes Tomahawk Lake Park**

Members present: Tom Krob, Sharon Hough, Barb Romstad, and Suzanne Widmar
Also present: Bruce Hanson, and Donna Porter and Susan Pagnucci representing the TOB Parks and Recreation Committee

Absent: Julie Bohl

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. Agenda approval

Sharon made a motion to approve the agenda as posted, Tom second; motion carried.

3. Cash Donation

Sharon Hough made a cash donation of \$167.00 to the TOB, specifying it is to be allocated to Tourism Committee projects. Tom and Donna will figure out how this will be managed in the town budget.

4. Tour of Tomahawk Park

The group toured the park and made the following observations and improvement suggestions:

- Signage to the lake park is poor – many local residents are unaware there is a park
- Mulch trails from area to area would be user friendly and give a more groomed appearance
- Beach area needs raking and some weed pulling to appear more inviting
- An established campfire pit placed further from the lake would discourage campfire on the sandy beach area
- There is a well casing at the park indicating there was pumped water at one time. A hand pump, similar to the one at the cemetery would be a nice addition
- Electric at the shelter in the park would be nice – long range goal
- Sign indicating dogs need to be leashed and the owner is responsible for cleaning up after his/her dog would be appropriate – perhaps even a dog bag/waste station

The group discussed park maintenance and possible personnel available to assist in doing some work in the near future in order to enhance the appearance of the park. Bruce Hanson will check with Gordon County and other organizations to see if people needing to do community service are available for that task.

5. Canoe Race

The group agreed to discuss the canoe race at the regular meeting on June 5.

6. Current Town Owned Land

Some discussion took place regarding the possibility of building a campground either at the park or on land near the park. Suzanne reminded us that our current mission is to work with the established assets and facilities the town now has.

9:35 am - Suzanne Widmar turned the chair over to Assistant Chair Sharon Hough.

The group observed the ski/bike trails and discussed the issue that few people know there are mountain bike trails at the park.

7. Adjournment

Sharon made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Tom second; motion carried

8. Next meeting

Thursday, June 5, 8:30 am Barnes Town Hall

The May 29, 2014 meeting of the TOB Tourism Committee adjourned at 9:45 am.

Additional note: Following the meeting Tom, Bruce and Barb encountered a local resident, Jerald Feirer who uses the park every day. He talked about the park at length and also indicated he would be interested in contributing input on future park improvements.