



**Village of Elberta Parks and Recreation Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes FINAL**  
**October 13, 2016**

Secretary Emily V. called the meeting to order at 7:07.

**Present:** Andy B., Emily V., Bill S.

**Absent:** Bill O., Michele C.

**Guests:** John [?], Vince Gallant, Ryan King, Jason Soderquist

**Liaison:** Bill S.

**Approval of September Minutes**

**Motion 1<sup>st</sup>** Bill      **Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>** Andy

**Ayes** All      **Nays** None      **Motion passed**

**Changes:** Delete "he had Smitty's" and replace with "someone" cut down the sundial gnomon

**Approval of October Agenda**

**Motion 1<sup>st</sup>** Bill      **Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>** Andy

**Ayes** All      **Nays** None      **Motion passed**

**Changes** Soper adds "Solstice," NB5

**Agenda conflicts:** None stated

**Clerk's Financial Report**

**Motion 1<sup>st</sup>** Bill      **Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>** Andy

**Ayes** All      **Nays** None      **Motion passed**

**Notes:** Emily will attempt to produce the Financial Secretary's report starting next month.

**Correspondence** None

**Public Comment** Vince: Bill Soper should be recognized for his support of summer Solstice celebration. It was historically sponsored by the Village, 15 years running; a great community event, way to promote Elberta; substantial momentum to continue to bring a great day of activities residents and visitors. Village "should make sure that Bill is made whole."

EV: What does that mean?

BS: We're going to talk about that.

Vince: You have a great activity here that the Village should support as much as possible.

John: Long comment, summarized: The Village should waive the fee to rent the Waterfront Park/LSS for Solstice fest.

Jason asked who is on the Solstice Foundation. Bill said himself and Barb Eipperle. Bill confirmed that ESF does have nonprofit status.

**Committee Reports**

**Elberta Dunes South (Andy B.)** Seeking word on when/if SEEDS started work on platform; EV thought she heard construction sounds previous weekend; Jason and EV made and posted hunting regulations signs.

**Farmers' Market (Sue O.)** EFM 2016 Season report tabled till November; Sue out of town. EFM season has ended.

**Beach** Adopt-A-Beach event happened. About 20 people showed. Results are available online on P&R Facebook page.

**Parks (Bill S.)** Nothing to report

**Elberta Historical Preservation (Emily V.)** Historical Signs design was revamped by Jason. (As of this writing, sent to sign maker for production. Fee will be under \$1,000 budgeted.) Mockup of what they will look like was shown to Commission members on a phone.

### Unfinished Business

1. **Thanksgiving Leftovers Party:** Planned for November 27. Need Council approval to use LSS. P&R will offer to clean or pay for cleaning. Working on flyer. Andy will present on Marconi company wireless telegraph, one of the first in the world. Decided to auction Solstice quilt at event. Will advertise in advance. Have people bid on it with a reserve of \$500. EV will talk to Rosemary Tanner. Jason will take photos of quilt.
2. **Plank Fundraiser** Sue Oseland saw Ludington's boardwalk planks and passed along their flyer. Jason and Emily in process of collecting legible names and filling in illegible names from existing planks. Old planks will be returned to purchasers or sold. Boardwalk that's down there now is not very wheelchair friendly or walker friendly. New style would be easier to attach, detach, and keep straight, and planks could reasonably be sold for a higher price.
3. **EDNA Cleanup.** Next Saturday 10 am to noon. Facebook event made. Wayfinding signs are still in the pumphouse. Will install them during cleanup.

### New Business

1. **Point person/coordinator for Elberta Parks/rentals** Tabled
2. **Launch at Penfold** Donation box completed; 18.06 collected total since 9/18. Need to fix ramp because of complaints by small boaters; base of launch washes out because there's a spring, and small boats apparently get caught on edge.
3. **Bandshell Painted** Jason excited about painting bandshell. Bill offers scaffolding.
4. **LSS weatherization status** Bill: still debating whether storm windows come from Crystal Lake Glass or Menards. Crystal Lake Glass price is competitive with Menards and includes installation. Not sure when it will happen.
5. **Solstice** Bill: "We [ESF] lost \$4,000. So I'm asking, since the vast majority of Park and Rec money is Solstice money, I'm asking Parks & Rec to pay \$2,000 and the Village to pay \$2,000 to cover the cost. \$2700 spent on Fireworks, \$800 for the bounce house and climbing wall, and \$900 for Port-A-Potties. I'm \$4,000 short. Because I gave the Village five grand before it even started, from donations, from money I collected. Whereas last year we gave four grand when the festival was over."  
EV: "This isn't personal Bill, I hope you understand that. My question is, how do we do that? What is that called? It's not reimbursement. Even though you are on the Council and on the Parks and Recreation Commission, you are an independent agent as far as Solstice is concerned. This is not a reimbursement. Because from the State's point of view, hopefully, as ESF you are not connected to the Village in any way. If you come up with something that looks good on paper, I don't have a problem with it. We have to maintain the legal reality that we're separate. We cannot approve money from our funds. It would have to be some kind of contract or some kind of deal. We cannot just give money to an outside organization to run a festival. Even though a lot of that money came from Solstice from before we found out that the Village can't run a festival, that money is Village money. We have to have a mechanism, there has to be an exchange of services, something. It can't just be a donation or a reimbursement. That's why I was asking you [Soper] to look into it with the state. No offense, but you're the one who's interested in this. And you're on the council. If you can look into whether it's possible for the Village to contract with the Foundation to run the Festival with the idea that there's going to be an exchange of funds at the end or something—that's a question for Roxanne and Eric. So Bill, if you can find out what the mechanism would be. I don't think we can just authorize [to pay you money] at our meeting. I think that would look very strange."

**Public Comment** Jason Soderquist will submit application to join Commission. Ryan King: Has an acquaintance in

Traverse who wants to put on a mite jamboree in the Mini-Pond this February. 400 players not including parents. EV: Need to see a plan. Anybody can go and check out the park, and those interested can certainly talk to Ken Bonney about logistics. But having had the experience of making a rink in the Mini-Pond a couple of years ago, EV and BS can attest that ice can probably not be made smooth enough for hockey.

**Adjournment**

**Motion 1<sup>st</sup>** Bill Soper  
**Ayes** — **Nays** —  
**Time:** 8:20

**Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>** —

**PROJECT TRACKER as of 10/15**

<b>Projects (Prioritized)</b>	<b>Coordinator</b>	<b>Next Task(s)</b>	<b>Near Deadline</b>	<b>Task Completed</b>	<b>Final Deadline</b>
1. EFM Restroom	?				<b>2021</b>
2. EDNA Platform	Bill Watson / was Cathy, now Emily	Hear from Steve Lagerquist about what's going on			
3. Bandshell painted	Jason Soderquist (volunteer)	Purchase paint and get scaffolding from Soper			<b>Snow</b>
4. Donation Box at Penfold launch	Emily	<b>COMPLETE;</b> Regular collections			<b>September 17</b>
5. Elberta welcome sign	Emily/Cathy	<b>COMPLETE</b>			<b>October 13;</b> Finished September 20
6. Thanksgiving Leftovers Party	Emily	Permission from Council to use LSS; Poster/flyer with Andy's topic (Complete), ad in Rec-Pat; promo for auction of Solstice Quilt	<b>October 29</b>		
8. LSS weatherization	Bill S.	Storm windows; Seal up and insulate crawl space	<b>October 13</b>		
9. EDNA bowhunting signs	Emily/Jason	Made signs for free with design work by Jason and donated	<b>COMPLETE</b>		

		paper by Emily; Hung five signs in EDNA			
<b>10. Solstice Quilt sale/raffle</b>	Emily/Andy/Bill S.	Need promo photos and flyer, various web postings	<b>October 31</b>		<b>Txgiving Leftovers Party 11/27</b>