

The Odebolt Betterment Committee met June 14, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Downtown Café. Present were Kerry and Deb Reinhart, Madeline Meyer, Carol Raasch , Freida Stehr, Elaine Rex, Joel Ahart, Howard Hustedt and Linda Godbersen.

Chairperson Madeline called the meeting to order. Minutes of last month's meeting were approved as written.

Bank balance is \$6,938.26. Breakdown as followed:

Undesignated: \$120.00

Park: \$3,680.83

Trees: \$100.00

Greenspace: \$2,976.43

Sign landscaping: \$61.00

There is \$300.91 in savings for the upkeep of the Triangle Park.

Kerry gave an update on the City Park project. The shelter house is done. The Electric Co. has put in a 60 minute timer as ordered. The concrete work is complete. At the time the concrete work was being done, we decided to go ahead and add the 6' on the north end of enclosed shelter house, which we feel was a much needed addition. Joel has finished reseeding and the grass is growing. Twyla Godbersen has seen the statue she made for the park and everyone says that it looks nice in the flower bed. Kerry and Deb found a statue for the pedestal and they have placed it. Amy Stangl has applied for a 4-H grant for the flower bed project. We are waiting to hear the outcome of this grant. Kerry is hoping that there is money left after the project is complete so that we have money for grant match next year.

Howard gave update for the Greenspace. Linda made a motion to pay Bengford Landscaping for landscaping around the trees, Joel and Freida seconded. All ayes. The concrete pad for the plaques has been poured. The plaques will be set before Creek Days. The project will be complete after Taylor Bengford finishes landscaping around the plaques.

Creek Days update: Linda and Deb have made posters with updated pictures and Deb has had new pamphlets made. There will be a table set up on Sat. The Odebolt Chamber has given us Odebolt Banners to sell, which Elaine will sell at the All School Reunion and at the table on Saturday. We will sell them for \$10.00.

Carol Raasch gave an update on the Rural School Project. At this time Sandy's book is complete and ready for sale. There will be a table set up at the All School Reunion and at the Pancake Breakfast. The book will sell for \$30.00 during Creek Days and after Creek Days they will be charged tax.

The pool slide project was tabled unless the town takes the lead.

Kerry stated that we need to be thinking about projects for next year, so that we can start applying for grants for these projects. Some of the things mentioned were on the east end of car wash triangle, swimming pool area, maybe more at the park or something on the north end of the Memorial Walk.

The next meeting will be held July 12, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at Downtown Café.