

Members present, Judith Stiles, Jen Faraga, and Charlie Costanza

Advertised meeting came to order at 4 pm, Town Hall.

Under new business, the Board discussed refinancing of the Park Board Bond. The Town Attorney recommended refinancing at the lower rate could save the Town up to \$19, 000, less his fees, over the remaining 5 years left to pay on the bond. The board voted 3-0 to approve the refinance.

The Board discussed the ODPRB proposed roll in the deer control/ management plan. The Board discussed the need to form a committee to study deer issues. They discussed a need for an educational program to teach people how to avoid getting lymes, and what plants they can plant, that deer do not like to eat. They discussed the fact that no deer count had been taken. They discussed the fact that the Park had not been informed by the TC of their Final Plan.

Town Council President, Bill Gregory provided the Board with an Indiana Fish and Wildlife Permit, and an undated Request for Special Deer Permit. The Board discussed that the 3 conditions that the permit was based upon, could not be proven as facts. The Board asked the TC President to consider letting the Park Board put together an educational deer management plan. The TC President said he was on a different page.

The Board then voted 3-0 to not allow the cull to be on ODPRB controlled property at Bittersweet Forest. Gregory replied he would inform the TC. Gregory was ordered to remove the deer Bait that was placed in Bittersweet Forest Park. Gregory said he would comply and have the bait removed. He said the TC could still have the cull in Suerenity Forest, which is park land controlled by the TC, not ODPRB...

Gregory stated that the 2nd reading of the deer cull plan will be on a new date, 11-7-11, instead of the 10-24-11 date that he advertised at the October TC meeting. He stated that the 10-24-11 meeting will still meet, at the Town Hall, but only budgetary issues would be discussed, not the 2nd reading of the deer cull plan. He invited the Park Board, and any residents to speak at the Nov. 7 meeting.

A date of 12-15-11 was set as the next ODPRB meeting date.

5pm Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlie Costanza, ODPRB Secretary.
See attachments.