

North School Preservation Society Meeting Minutes September 3, 2024

Attendance: NSPS members: Richard Willard, Francine Provost, Ginny Ricker, Maurice Gilchrist, Margery Burbank, Nate Willard, Lara Houghton-Robinson, Dave Hall; Guests: Springfield Town Manager Jeff Mobus, Lions Club members Mike Martin and Ken Millay.

Richard opened the meeting at 6 p.m. with the first order of business addressing the proposed dog park. Jeff Mobus distributed copies of a draft outlining a proposed lease of the North School Park to the Town. Discussion arose regarding the extent of liability insurance and ongoing maintenance of the park and facilities by the Town. NSPS members agreed to review the proposed lease and make amendments as needed. It was agreed that when the amendments are approved by members, the proposed lease with the amendments will be given to legal counsel Ethan McNaughton for review on behalf of the NSPS. Ginny agreed to draw up a list of proposed amendments and circulate it to members for review, adjustment and approval prior to presenting it to Ethan McNaughton.

The lease proposal being concluded, the guests left and Richard opened the monthly meeting at 6:15 p.m.

August 6 Meeting Minutes: Minutes were motioned and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Ginny distributed the August Treasurer's Report to members. After income which included the August yard sale, and expenses including the cost of fire extinguisher inspection, and expense for repair to the brick work on the building, as well as regular expenses, the report stands for audit.

Old Business

Building and park update

Brick repair - Dave recruited his friend who is a mason to repair the brick wall in front of the building. The brickwork is now repaired.

Fire extinguishers – The fire extinguishers were inspected.

Upper field - Dave cleared brush from the perimeter of the upper field.

Insurance issues – Ginny sent photos of the repairs requested by the insurance company, which included the rebuilding of the front concrete stairs; replacement of shingles on the building and repair of the brickwork on the front of the building. It is hoped that these repairs will satisfy the insurance requirements in advance of the renewal of the insurance coverage in November. Insurance coverage for the building is capped at an amount necessary to clean deconstruction and not to replace the building.

Yard Sale

The next yard sale will be Saturday, Sept. 14, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; setup will be Friday, Sept. 13, noon-2 p.m. Ginny will not be available so arrangements will be made for Richard to manage the cashbox Margery may recruit a volunteer and Richard hopes to recruit two volunteers.

Miscellaneous Business

David King has requested help updating the NSPS website. Richard volunteered to contact him regarding setting up an anonymous online contact for the organization. The list of board of directors also needs to be updated as well.

The business being concluded a motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 1, 6 p.m.in the hut.