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Mill Woods Master Plan Committee Minutes - June 16, 2005

Parks and Recreation Director Kathleen Bagley opened the meeting at 12:00 Noon at the Eleanor Buck Wolf Nature Center. Members present were Martha Mayer, Charles Wood, Craig MacGovern, Peter Gardow, Bill Symers, Mary Ellen Bonelli and Jeff Kotkin.

1. Public Comments.

No public comments.

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Minutes accepted.

3. Old Business.

a. Meeting Schedule.

Committee members discussed the change in meeting time from an evening meeting to a noontime meeting. Some members expressed their concern about being able to attend the noontime meeting. After some discussion, it was decided to hold the July meeting at noon at the Nature Center and to re-evaluate the time for the September meeting. There will be no meeting in August.

b. Update on Dest Study.

Ms. Bagley reported that Dr. Dest has been in the park digging holes and evaluating the condition of the soil and the water table in the park. His report will be ready to distribute to members prior to the September meeting. Dr. Dest has been invited to the September meeting to discuss the findings of his report. Ms. Bagley reported that one comment Dr. Dest made about this process involved the height of the water table in certain areas in Mill Woods Park. He was surprised that the water table was so high in certain areas. His report will include all this information.

c. Cell Tower in Mill Woods Park.

Ms. Bagley reported that the cell tower representative is looking at other areas in the park for the location of the tower. She explained that one location being considered was in the vicinity of softball field #2 next to the tennis court area by the wooded section of the park. The cell tower representative will be looking at this site. She reported that in her discussions with the cell tower representative, she continues to remind him that the Advisory Parks and Recreation Board and the Master Plan Committee are not interested in having it located in front of the Mill Woods bathhouse.

4. New Business.

a. Draft Strategic Plan.

Ms. Bagley explained that included in their packet was a draft of the town's strategic plan. All town committees have been asked to review this plan and get comments back to the town regarding the plan. Ms. Bagley asked Peter Gardow to discuss the plan with committee members since he serves on that committee. Mr. Gardow explained that he is actually chairman of the town's Strategic Plan Committee. He discussed the process of the strategic plan and their timetable for its review. The Strategic Plan Committee is looking for feedback by September to make changes to this draft plan. Committee members will review the draft and if there are any concerns, they will get back to Mr. Gardow on any items included in the plan. Mr. Gardow will send Ms. Bagley a copy of the PowerPoint presentation that was done on the

strategic plan for use with other committee members to explain the process and the plan. Mr. Gardow explained that his committee reviewed the previous strategic plan of the town and looked to update it and condense it into a document that would be easy to understand and have the ability to achieve goals.

b. Web Site.

Charles Wood asked on the status of a Web Site for the Mill Woods Master Plan which would include the map and information on the Master Plan along with the committee's meeting schedule. He will help to develop this with the Parks and Recreation staff. Ms. Bagley has not had a chance to discuss this project with the town's web site designer.

c. Funding Plans.

Committee members discussed a variety of ways to look at funding plans for the park. One suggestion was to have a Family Day in the park and give tours of the proposed improvements for residents. Ms. Bagley will look to develop a rough fundraising plan to review at the next meeting.

5. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.