

**Town of Barnes Tourism Committee meeting
Thursday, July 10, 2014 8:30 am.
Intersection of Lake Road and West Idlewild Lake Road, Town of Barnes**

Members present: Tom Krob, Sharon Hough, Barb Romstad, and Suzanne Widmar, Julie Bohl, Carol LeBreck (ad hoc.)

Also present: Bruce Hanson, Susan Pagnucci and Marcia Wellnitz representing the TOB Parks and Recreation Committee, and PJ Foat

8:30 am - Chairperson Suzanne Widmar called the meeting to order

1. Verification of public notice/quorum established

Suzanne verified public notice had been posted per state statutes. Suzanne conducted a roll call of the members present to establish a quorum; quorum established.

2. Approval of June minutes

Julie made a motion to approve the minutes of the June meeting, Suzanne second; motion carried.

3. Agenda approval

Barb made a motion to approve the agenda as posted, Sharon second; motion carried.

4. Tour of town owned land on the corner of West Idelwild/Lake roads

The group reviewed the location of the property on a plat map and determined it was a 40 acres parcel owned by the Town of Barnes. It appears that the parcel is split in half by West Idelwild Lake road. PJ presented the idea of having an RV park in the area. His thoughts were that it would give the ATV riders a place to locate while they enjoyed the many trails surrounding the Barnes area. Lots of discussion followed as to whether the location near Tomahawk Park would be more ideal since it abutted county lands, not privately held land. The group concluded that it would be a good idea to solicit input from persons who are familiar with the plotting of an RV park; we would get advice from them and also inquire as to the cost of having a formal plan drawn up. Jeff Jordheim, and Myron Schuster who heads NW Regional Planning, will be invited to the next meeting for that purpose. Loren Bohl, president of the area ATV club will also be encouraged to attend.

Further discussion introduced the idea of installing a disk golf course at one of the town owned properties. Cost of the baskets and other equipment for a 9 station course is less than \$4,000 and several people present thought that would be a good addition to the area's amenities.

5. Canoe race details

First, and most important, the group clarified that the event being scheduled is not a *Canoe Race*. It is an initial exploration of a potential route for a water race (to include canoes and

kayaks) that the tourism committee would like to schedule for 2015. The potential route is that of the former *Barnes Canoe Race* which has not taken place for at least 8 years – maybe more. The event will simply be a paddling of that route, open to all Town of Barnes board and committee members – basically anyone can participate but there will be no organized marketing, etc. The event (the **Krob-Widmar Expedition**) will take place on August 23. Details will be finalized at the next meeting.

6. Further discussion regarding Tomahawk Park

Bruce reported that the DNR approves hand pulling of weeds at the park to clean up the beach area. He has found a local individual who can be employed at no charge to do this task; hours will contribute to his/her mandated community service requirement. The group advised Bruce to proceed with arranging the services of that individual.

7. Adjournment

Julie made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Sharon second; motion carried

6. Next meeting

Thursday, Thursday, August 7, 8:30 am Barnes Town Hall.

The July 10, 2014 meeting of the TOB Tourism Committee adjourned at 9:30 am.