

MINUTES OF RCA OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2004

1. The meeting was called-to-order at about 7:30 PM in the RCA Office.

The following were present:

Dan Bocardo
John Edlund
Sam McCracken, Recorder
Doug Whitney, Maintenance Dept
Terry Beemis, Maintenance Supervisor
Myron Ellsworth, Chair
Jack Krisanda, Executive Director

2. The Minutes of the September 20, 2004 meeting were approved as submitted.

3. Report by the Executive Director:

- a. Budget information - Jack Krisanda distributed copies of the RCA Supplemental Budget Comparison Report, dated 10/18/04.
- b. Whisper Ridge pond - There was a brief discussion of the sharp drop-off of the bottom of the pond. It was noted that the pond is part of the drainage system and that a minimum volume is required. The Town Engineer approved the design of the pond.
- c. Pond aeration - Bubbler type aeration will be used in all ponds. The present fountains in Lake Oberon will be replaced with a bubbler. There are a total of seven ponds in Radisson, including the new Clairwood pond. The bubbler systems will cost about \$7,000 each.
- d. Clairwood Pond - This pond will be redesigned to have banks similar to those of Willet Pond.
- e. Lighting - There have been some problems of breakage of underground lamp wiring. There is consideration of applying for a "Green Grant" to use solar panels and batteries to replace the underground lamp wiring.
- f. Lamp pole vandalism - The aluminum poles of the lamps have a weak section and are relatively easy to be knocked over by kids. Replacement poles will be of steel, which are much stronger.
- g. Swimming Pool - The Swimming Pool is set for the winter.
- h. Baldwinsville Rowing Crew - The Crew has not followed up on use of the Boat Ramp.
- i. Eagle Scout project - The Troop has not suggested any specific project.
- j. Hidden Lake improvements - The polypropylene matting placed along the shore of Hidden Lake appears to be successful, with grass growing through it while suppressing weeds. The Contractor retained for dredging the lake is considering a suction scheme, dumping the spoil where it will not leach into the river. This work is planned for this winter.
- k. Storage Yard - The trees have been cleared from the expansion area and fill is being added, as available. The project is on plan.

4. New Business:

- a. Maintenance equipment - Myron Ellsworth requested a list of Maintenance equipment. It was decided that the Members should visit the Maintenance Facility to inspect the equipment and get a better feel for condition of it. The

Members meeting at the Maintenance Facility is planned for Friday, October 29th.

- b. RCA Facilities - John Edlun enquired about equipment and facilities replacement schedules. Jack Krisanda provided the Capital Assets Replacement Schedule #2, which listed major facilities and maintenance equipment, their acquisition date and cost, and their anticipated replacement schedules. Quick review of the replacement schedules led to a brief discussion of the advisability spreading replacement costs to avoid major replacement costs in any one year. Myron Ellsworth requested additional detail on planned expenditures in order for the Committee to improve its planning and recommendations.
 - c. Background briefing - Myron invited Terry Beemis and Doug Whitney to give the new members a brief background briefing on the Maintenance Department activities.
 - d. Motor Home storage - Terry Beemis suggested that motor homes and trailers be stored in the new storage area and arranged to provide better access during winter. The new storage area should be provided with the same protective fencing as that of the existing storage area.
 - e. Tot Lots - Myron Ellsworth suggested that a written policy be developed on Tot Lots, for their usage, facilities and maintenance. All agreed that such a policy should be developed.
 - f. Pathway expansion - Myron Ellsworth brought up the question of lack of pathways accessing Drumlin Heights, which led to a brief discussion of pathway expansion and maintenance in Radisson.
 - g. Assessments - The discussion of budgets and replacement schedules led to a brief discussion of RCA assessments. It was noted that Radisson has low assessments, compared to other similar communities. However, the assessment rate may not be keeping up with inflation. Jack Krisanda said that the Committee should be 'looking ahead some 20 years' in the planning and recommendations.
5. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 PM, Monday, November 15, 2004, in the RCA Office.

Sam McCracken
Recorder