

**AD-HOC Playground Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 21, 2009**

In attendance:

Jane Dunlop, Committee Chair

Jerry Lokken, Eric Doshna, Stacey Wielachowski, Melissa Guarneri, MaryLou Gannotti

Guests: Dan Steward, Kerry Sullivan, Frank \_\_\_\_\_, Shirley \_\_\_\_\_, Nick Muscarella, Ray Ingram, Joanne Pedersen, Donna Bourn, Kris Grohocki, Robert Grohocki, Carol Parchaiski, Stan Parchaiski, Carol Batch, Gary Batch, John Foley, Karen Foley, Ralph Matara

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6 pm. and Jane Dunlop, Committee Chair welcomed guests. She then gave the opportunity for guests to comment upon the proposed Stenger Farm Playground.

Guests voiced the following concerns for having a playground at Stenger Farm:

- Would like to have Stenger remain as open space
- Safety issue with stone wall
- Neighbor next to Stenger Farm has a pool and voiced concern
- Property values of homes to decrease due to playground and dog park
- Fiscally irresponsible at this time due to our economy
- Homeless population behind Stop & Shop
- Drug problems
- Other organizations may want to also develop on Stenger Farm.
- Suggested the Civic Triangle as a better location

Jane thanked the guests for attending the meeting and voicing their concerns. She responded by saying that the committee values the opinions the community as we are trying to build a community playground for all to enjoy.

The public meeting was adjourned at approximately 7 pm.

The committee went on to discuss planned agenda.

Minutes from April's meeting were approved.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding public opinion. The committee agreed building a playground, no matter the location, is the main priority and our goal.

Jane reported that Brian Flaherty had holes dug at the Civic Triangle to assess sink holes as this was at one time a land fill. We are awaiting the results.

Melissa gave an update on the Earth Day Celebration to take place on Sunday, May 3, 2009.

Marylou suggested postponing any further fundraising until a location is agreed upon. Discussion was held but no final agreement was made. Marylou also suggested that donations may have to be returned since they were given in support of the Stenger Farm location as the location may change.

Jerry stated that the Recreation and Parks Commission and the Recreation and Parks Department should take lead in project.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 19th, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8 p.m.

Submitted by Stacey Wielachowski

**AD-HOC Playground Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 21, 2009**

In attendance:

Jane Dunlop, Committee Chair

Jerry Lokken, Eric Doshna, Stacey Wielachowski, Melissa Guarneri, MaryLou Gannotti

Guests: Dan Steward, Kerry Sullivan, Frank Longo, Shirley Longo, Nick Muscarella, Ray Ingram, Joanne Pedersen, Donna Bourn, Kris Grohocki, Robert Grohocki, Carol Parchaiski, Stan Parchaiski, Carol Batch, Gary Batch, John Foley, Karen Foley, Ralph Madara.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6 pm. and Jane Dunlop, Committee Chair welcomed guests. She then gave the opportunity for guests to comment upon the proposed Stenger Farm Playground.

Guests voiced the following concerns for having a playground at Stenger Farm:

- Would like to have Stenger remain as open space
- Safety issue with stone wall
- Neighbor next to Stenger Farm has a pool and voiced concern
- Property values of homes to decrease due to playground and dog park
- Fiscally irresponsible at this time due to our economy
- Homeless population behind Stop & Shop
- Drug problems
- Other organizations may want to also develop on Stenger Farm.
- Suggested the Civic Triangle as a better location

Jane thanked the guests for attending the meeting and voicing their concerns. She responded by saying that the committee values the opinions the community as we are trying to build a community playground for all to enjoy.

The public meeting was adjourned at approximately 7 pm.

The committee went on to discuss planned agenda.

Minutes from March's meeting were approved.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding public opinion. The committee agreed building a playground, no matter the location, is the main priority and our goal.

Jane reported that Brian Flaherty had holes dug at the Civic Triangle to assess sink holes as this was at one time a land fill. We are awaiting the results.

Melissa gave an update on the Earth Day Celebration to take place on Sunday, May 3, 2009.

Marylou suggested postponing any further fundraising until a location is agreed upon. Discussion was held but no final agreement was made. Marylou also noted that donations may have to be returned if the location changes. As the gift is given in support of the "Stenger Farm Playground," this becomes a restricted gift. Therefore, a foundation or municipality needs to notify the donors of the change whether verbally or by writing and give them the option of applying their gift towards the new site.

Jerry stated that the Recreation and Parks Commission and the Recreation and Parks Department should take lead in project.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 19th, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8 p.m.

Submitted by Stacey Wielachowski