

**Scandia Park and Recreation Committee**  
**Minutes**  
**Monday, Sept. 8, 2008**

**Members Present:** Karen Schik, Edward Ruf, Joan Benner, Mike Goeken, Dan Skupien, Tom Vogen, Tom Triplett, Matt Rasmussen.

**Members Absent:** Alex Bildeaux, Tom Vogen

**Guests:** Anne Hurlburt, Mike Harnetty

1. **Approval of Minutes-** Minutes from August 4, 2008 were unanimously approved.
2. **Ice Rink-** Mike reported that assembly of the new (used) ice rink equipment is nearly complete, but needs paint. Mike White is leading the effort.
3. **Dodgeball-** Dan and Matt reported on the Taco Daze Dodgeball tournament, indicating that while it was overall a success, participation was lower than in previous years. Ideas for increasing interest next year include better timing of announcements, advertising in a wider geographic area, and increasing bulletin board postings.
4. **501C-** Tom reported that approximately 115 Friends of Scandia Parks members were acquired during the Taco Daze festival, bringing the total to 123. It was suggested that the PTA and Scandia Riders club be solicited for potential members. Feedback from Taco Daze indicated that many Scandia residents are not familiar with WIP. Other areas of concern included the condition of the canoe landing and the activities of similar volunteer groups.
5. **WIP-** Karen and Mike G. suggested that a bit more trail work is necessary. Some discussion ensued regarding the need to create unobtrusive trail markers, the need to include Lyme Disease information on signage, and the possibility of using a sandblasting technique for permanent stone signs and/or markers.
6. **Lilleskogen-** Karen reported that District Energy could provide brush disposal services and possibly fund brush removal. However, it was noted that the minimum volume for the service would be one semi-trailer- much more than the project would provide.
7. **Vinterfest-** Pond skating was discussed as a possible activity, but was dismissed for various reasons. Other ideas were brought up, including snow sculpting, snow fort building, broomball, and quinzhee (snow hut) building.

8. **Trollhagen-** Anne indicated that she would contact the sales office directly and report back to the committee to avoid planning confusion.
9. **Open Space Greenway Plan-** Karen presented some ideas for future steps in this project, including the pursuit of a DNR fund match and collaboration with the Washington County Conservation District. Anne added that there is no money in the budget for such a match.
10. **Open Gym-** Mike G. suggested that many participants would like to expand the program, but staffing is a primary issue. Anne suggested that Marty could be involved with staffing and that the school newsletter should go out prior to the Thanksgiving break. The possibility of a PTA donation was discussed and Mike G. volunteered to inquire.
11. **Next meeting-** Monday, Oct. 6, 2008
12. **Meeting adjourned-** Karen