Paris Legacy Committee April 11, 2018

Minutes:

Call to Order: 6:30 pm

1. Roll Call: Present: Roger Gahart, Bob LaBell, Eric Cheney, Bev McCumber; Gail Gentz excused.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discussion:
4. Survey Results:

The survey was available online. Paper versions were available at the Paris Spaghetti Supper and the Paris Town Hall as well as verbal discussions.

Ideas included a gym at the school with a public fitness center, a new library, and a pool. A park at the Town Hall with a walking path, a baseball diamond, soccer field, gazebo, benches, a pavilion, and a sledding hill were all suggested.

1. Establish a Working list of Possible Projects:

A gym/fieldhouse at Paris School would benefit the town and school equally.

* Building a larger gym, with a hallway to attach to the school and a separate public entrance, could be available to the public. An indoor walking track and fitness equipment would be available for the public.
* A pool would be too costly to maintain and insure.
* The library could expand and relocate to the old gym space as well as the art room and music room. This would open classroom space for expected growth.
* The school has custodians on duty and there may be funding available from the Community Service Fund to help with maintenance.
* Eric Cheney will check on possible building size and requirements.
* Most Communities have ties to the local school.
* Paris Town Hall has approximately 18 acres to build a park. The parking lot would have to be expanded and lighting and security issues would need to be addressed. A sledding hill is too expensive to maintain and insure.
* Need to work with landowner to create a walking path between the school and the town hall.
* As Chairman of the Committee, Roger Gahart will attend the May 22nd, 2018 Town Board Meeting and propose the following: a fieldhouse/gym at the school as well as a park with a baseball diamond, a pavilion, a playground, and a walking path with benches at the town hall.

1. Paris School playground.

Roger Gahart provided a catalogue of playground equipment to give the committee a idea of what is available.

1. Citizen Comments:

Ron Kammerzelt added that the Town of Paris reallocated $1.5 million from the Development Rights to the Legacy Committee. The Town of Paris pays 75% of the Kenosha County Tax for its residents; the other 25% will be added to the Legacy Committee.

1. Next Meeting: May 9th, 2018 at 6:30.
2. Adjourn on a Bob LaBell motion; Eric Cheney, Second.