

Proposal for Pavilion on Lake Crawford

Background

In early 2019, the Property Committee began looking into options for adding a pavilion at the lake – near the picnic area beside the Beach. The reasons for this were:

1. Increased use of the picnic area by the beach

- a. Over the last 5 years, many more members have been using the picnic areas next to the beach, regularly have BBQs, pizza nights and gatherings. This year, we added 3 wood picnic tables, and still needed to bring up 2 extras because of the demand.
- b. Members are seeking more shade in the beach and have used the newly wood-chipped area extensively this year.
- c. Members with children like having the beach as a gathering place for their families and requested more areas to support that.

2. Limitations or barriers for members to use the pavilion at the Falls

- a. For the last 10-15 years, the Ladies Auxiliary regularly planned at least 1 social activity a year to try to get people to use the Falls Pavilion more. The most successful was pizza at the Falls which was well attended. But even with that event, the planning committee needed to make sure there were people who could give rides from the center to members who could not walk to and from the Falls.
- b. While the Falls area continues to be a beloved part of our life at PFLA, it is difficult for all members to get there and during wet summers, the access road is dangerous to use.

3. Desire to have more central gathering areas

- a. Since the Falls area was limited for some groups of members, the Association picnics have been most often held at the Lounge. The Lounge provides a great inside area for smaller groups, but outside during the summer, the highway noise is very loud.
- b. Because crowds are gathering at the beach, there have been times where picnics at the Lounge are not always well attended because people do not want to leave the beach area. The lake pavilion would offer an alternative place to gather.

Proposed Plan & Costs

In response to these needs, the Property Committee researched various options for a pavilion on the lake next to the beach over the last year. They visited parks and looked at various types of pavilions. They got prices from various shed and pavilion companies (Green Acres, Kramers and Country Lane). Country Lane Gazebos had the best price and the committee looked at ways they could do some of the installation themselves. Here is the overall plan:

1. Purchase the 20' x 28' foot A-Frame Pavilion kit and set up by Country Lane	18,588
2. Purchase additional options (enhanced posts, pre-stained wood)	4,035
3. Purchase sonic tubes (footers) and have them installed by a company who works closely with Country Lane	1,525
4. Use a wood chip base and clear the area	0
5. Property committee - Rob, Tevel, Pete, Russ and other volunteers - will put in the electric and the water (cost is for supplies)	1,500
Total before tax and discounts	25,648

	Tax	1,059
	Discounts <i>(if signed before September 30, 2020)</i>	2,363
	TOTAL for PROPOSED PROJECT	24,344

Timing

Once this proposal is approved and the materials are ordered, we anticipate the posts will be installed in the Fall 2020 and the pavilion will be delivered and installed in the Spring 2021 in time for the 2021 season. Township permits will be obtained as necessary before any work commences.

Next steps

The committee has been discussing this plan with members throughout the spring and summer and posted the notice that this will be discussed in the September board meeting in the season ending Spray. We have had over a dozen members support the proposal and received an email from a member opposing the plan.

We ask the Board to approve this proposal. The funds will come out of the approved capital budget to be spent in 2020. The committee feels this pavilion will benefit most members and will take unused space in one of our most treasured areas and make it usable for years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Horn & Rob Gally, Property Committee