

Dangerous boards left in Fiddle Park

Dear editor:

Re: open letter to Mayor Ed Crewson and The Fiddle Park Association

I was astonished when I took my puppy for his morning walk in the park next to the Shelburne Fire Station on Sunday May 18th. When we were there for our walk on the previous afternoon; a gentleman was there on a tractor tearing down portions of the wooden fencing. However, that was all he did! Tear the fence down. With a complete disregard for the safety of the children, pets and people that use this park on a daily basis, he left the fencing all strewn about.

Countless fence boards, with long spikes were left sticking up for any ones child or pet to possibly be impaled upon! I hope that this irresponsible action does not/did not lead to any person or pet being harmed. This work should not have been started unless they could have and should have left it in the safest possible condition for everyone. The way this work was so poorly handled was a serious safety hazard for one and all that walk in the park on a daily basis.

So much so, I felt it was in the best interest for our community to contact our police department upon my return home to raise the concerns of the publics safety in the park. The park was being cleaned up later that afternoon when we returned for our walk. Great! However, being left in that state for even an hour was poor judgement, let alone left for 24 hours.

Addendum: Monday mornings walk at 9 a.m. saw that he had only collected about 75 per cent of the boards and posts. The rest was just thrown into a few piles. With many of these boards in the piles sticking with the 4? spikes still lying with the sharp, pointed side up! Went back in the afternoon, for Loup's 4 ? 4:30 p.m. walk, the hazardous piles of boards remain when they were tossed. Will be heading back over soon for our 9 a.m. walk.

Here's hoping they no longer remain there as a safety hazard. They've had the common sense to realize that the way they left things, was a possible Threat to Public Safety!

TJ Stevens, Shelburne

E-mail reply from Mayor Crewson

Dear Mr. Stevens: I have viewed the site and since it is private property owned by the Shelburne and District Agricultural Society I have brought your issue to the attention of a member of the board of that organization. She has assured me that she will raise the issue of securing the site at the next meeting of The Shelburne and District Agricultural Society.

Ed Crewson, Mayor of Shelburne