

Parks and Recreation Committee

March 10th, 2022

Bois Blanc Township Hall

Present: Committee members – Diane Akright, Karen Beauchamp, Ginger Canup, and (via Teleconference) Jay Beugly. Audience – Brent Canup and Linda Gekle.

Meeting was called to order at 4pm.

Diane Akright informed us that Bruce Thibodeau resigned from the committee.

D. Akright made a motion to elect Ginger Canup for Committee Chair. K. Beauchamp supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: D. Akright, K. Beauchamp, and G. Canup. Nays: None. **Motion Carried.**

**New Business**

Discussion focused on how we can move forward with the multiple properties the township owns and how to manage the different ongoing projects. The committee decided to break up the projects so that each committee member was responsible for 1 or 2 projects.

**Brightwater Park – Diane Akright (lead on project)**

Diane informed us that the grant for Brightwater park expires this year and that we need to have the money spent by the end of August. We are still waiting on the DNR to issue a permit for the driveway.

**Lake Mary – Jay Beugly**

Property was donated for a parking lot to become known as Liedel Landing.

**North Shore – Karen Beauchamp**

The DNR out of Cheboygan has offered some materials towards helping get a vaulted toilet along the N. Shore, but there are requirements that must be met (100ft from water and other offsets). The DNR was willing to provide the top structure of the vaulted toilet, but not the tank.

**Snow Beach – Ginger Canup**

D. Akright informed the committee that the DNR is going to be selling several chunks of property. The Township gets first rights to purchase those properties, but we won't know what the price is yet. The public frequently utilizes Snow Beach and there is currently no parking or legal access to the beach. The Township informed the DNR that it was interested in the properties and we are waiting to hear about the cost. The township has the option to buy part of it, all of it, or none of it.

**Parks and Rec events**

It was mentioned that we should come up with a plan on how to handle public events, like guest speakers and nature walks. There was some mention of subcommittees, but no definitive conclusion was reached on how to handle these events.

**Budget**

Diane informed that the Townships budget hearing is scheduled for March 23<sup>rd</sup>. This will be the last chance to easily make changes to the budget. Parks Budget is from a small annual discretionary fund based on Township Board approval.

**Parks and Rec Plan**

The Parks and Rec plan needs to be updated in order to get DNR approval. With DNR approval of the Parks Plan, there are more grant opportunities for funding.

**Schedule**

Next meeting is scheduled for April 11<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.

With no new business the meeting adjourned at 5:01pm.