

Parks and Recreation Committee

May 19, 2022

Bois Blanc Township Hall

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

Karen Beauchamp called the meeting was called to order at 4:00pm.

New Business

Open Committee position

Missy Phillips was approved by the board to join the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Old Business

Properties

Brightwater Park – Diane Akright (lead on project)

Diane took EGLE out to the property to look at the wetlands and discuss the project. They stated that the project seemed permittable, but the drive would likely need 2 culverts instead of one. They also suggested that a section would need to be narrowed down to 20ft from 35ft, but it would be just a relatively short stretch of basically one lane drive. EGLE also stated that their impressions about the online public comments were mostly positive.

Once the permit is received by the township we can start the bidding process.

North Shore – Karen Beauchamp

Dave from the DNR told Karen that the vault is ready to be hauled out to us, but once they load it on their trailer we will have to return the trailer quickly as they need it for other projects. The toilet will need some minor repairs and paint.

We will need a permit from the health department for the toilet which is \$224 and they require a 1000gal tank, unless we run into a water table, then they allow a 600gal tank. Once the hole is dug they will inspect it to make sure that a 1000gal tank is appropriate. We also need to apply for a land use permit from the DNR.

Karen estimates that cost for the install will be about \$200 for repairs, \$135 for Plaunt to transport, and \$2,000 for digging and setting the tank. She received one estimate from Island Contractors, but is waiting to hear from Brent Sharpe. Brent is waiting on specific dimensions for the tank and vault. Karen expects total cost to be around \$3,000. We still need to stake out a location for the toilet on the Northshore, and it has to be accessible for the pump truck. The Association or Foundation may be willing to help cover some of the costs of the install.

There was a general discussion about adding a kiosk to the side to include information about the island transfer station, burn permits, and other relevant info. There was some concern that we may have to add a trash can so that trash does not end up in the tank.

Lake Mary – Jay Beugly

Jay attempted to find the property, however was unsuccessful. Diane suggested he talk to Mike White and his brother about attempting to locate the markers for the property. Once the location is found we can seek bids for creation of a parking area.

Snow Beach (Nichols Point) – Ginger Canup (Diane led discussion as Ginger was not present in person)

The DNR provided a cost for the township to purchase the 27 acres on Nichols Point at \$63,000. The DNR has extended the deadline to purchase until December 2022. So we would need to have the funds in place by that time.

Diane toured the land with someone from the DNR and it appears dry and they see no reason that it couldn't be developed into a park.

The Community Foundation's president Sarah Bloom presented the information about the property to the foundation and they decided that aiding in a land purchase was not something they were able to do at this time.

We'll need to find a source of funds, possibly the Township, Association, or/and Little Traverse Conservancy. There is also an anonymous individual willing to donate \$5,000 towards the purchase and starting a fundraiser may be another source.

We also need to ask Mike White if he could give us a survey of this property as well.

Parks and Rec events

Ginger created an application for events which outlines applicants contact info, type of event, with description, and planned schedule. We will attempt to make the form widely available.

5 year plan

Ginger contacted EUP regional Planning and Development Board of Commissioners for Mackinaw County Delegation and spoke with Jeff Hagan.

He stated that we have most of the requirements done, however we were missing a few things; Recreation inventory, recreation plan certification checklist, a copy of the publication for 30-day review of draft, and public hearing on draft, signed and approved public hearing minutes, and copies of letters transmitting the plan to the county and regional plan agencies.

Most of the requirements have been done, but they need to be included within the plan. Once DNR approves the plan, that is the date that the Master Plan begins its 5 years.

February 1 was the deadline to submit the Master Plan, but since we are amending the plan, that date doesn't apply to us.

Once we complete these amendments, we send a copy to Jeff Hagan for his review before resubmitting it to the DNR.

New Business

Diane mentioned that we should start to think about what we would want to appear on a website redesign. Current suggestions included a map of properties and a list of other helpful websites.

There was a discussion of having a Parks Committee presence at the farmers market. Committee members agreed and Ginger was willing to put together a schedule for committee members to rotate through.

Public Comments

N.A.

Schedule

Next meeting is June 9th at 4pm.

With no new business the meeting adjourned at 4:47pm.