

## **Bois Blanc Island Parks & Recreation**

### Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2018

Opened meeting at: 1:07 P.M.

Attendance: Kathy Brown, Diane Akright, Tom Bach, Chris Suchner (phone)

Absent: Mitch Begle

#### Discussions:

1. Kathy Brown stated that she had received an application for a permit from the DNR (Gaylord) for land use on Michigan State property (see attached 1). The permit when approved will allow use of property for recreational purposes by the residence and visitors of Bois Blanc Island. One permit will encompass all locations on the island provided they are listed on the permit. (Attachment 1)

DNR representatives request a site map of Thompson Lake, Twin Lake and North Shore proposed development sites as a guide for future development such as vault toilets in May. This will be submitted in April by P&R.

2. Community Calendar has been finalized. (Attachment 2)  
Addition is that Jennifer Moore, professor of biology at Grand Valley State University will be lecturing on snakes for our Nature Talks on Mondays several times in July and August.
3. Budget – Diane Akright presented the BBI Township 2018 Budget and explained how it relates to the P&R Committee. She explained that due to capital expenditures in 2017, budgetary restrictions have been placed on all departments for 2018, including P&R. She stated that there will be small rental charges for the Wagner room to users to cover for maintenance and clean up.  
Kathy inquired about P&R's charge of propane usage for the Wagner room in the fire barn building and the omission of the Sherriff and Nurse who also use the facilities. Diane thought the charges were equitable and reasoned that if all usages where set by space percentage used, the charges for P&R would much more. No further discussions.
4. Diane announced that the picnic tables and trash receptacles ordered after the board meeting On March 14<sup>th</sup>, are shipped and on route here. She will notify Plaunt Transportation to Store them until they can be delivered when ferry service resumes this year.
5. Kathy will write for a grant from the Community Foundations for 3 picnic tables and the material to anchor them down. It was felt by the committee (suggested by the DNR) that we do not place trash receptacles at this time since we do not have trash collection in our budget at this time and the sites where these are to be located are not official picnic areas.

6: 5yr Plan regarding site inventories, it was corrected that the beginning portion for the North Shore Drive be re-signed, pending approval by the BBI Township Board, to direct users away from its current location to the trail 300 yards West which connects with Beech Rd. and then joins with the existing North Shore Trail. Kathy will present this to the BBI Township Board at the next meeting on April 11th.

7. An introduction to our survey has been written which to be included as part of our 5yr plan. (Attachment 3)

8: Goals and Objectives have been prioritized in the following sequence.

1. Recreational – Provide a wide spectrum of recreational opportunities for the residents and visitors of all ages and abilities.
  - a. Develop roadside parks and picnic areas.
  - b. Providing community programing such as Nature talks, Guided hikes, Community picnics and campfires.
  - c. Promote and partner with wildlife management organizations.
2. Educational
3. Natural Areas
4. Beaches
5. Camping

Meeting adjourned at 2:24P.M.

Next meeting 4/10/2108 at 1:00PM at the township hall.

Submitted by Tom Bach  
P&R Secretary