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**Parks and Recreation
Regular Meeting
February 26, 2025
Bois Blanc Township Hall**

Meeting was called to order at 4:11 pm by Ginger Canup

Present: Ginger Canup, Kathy Goeschel, Megan Hawver

Listening in via Telephone but not actively participating: James Robinson and Jim Mackay

First order of business: Welcomed new Committee Members Kathy Goeschel and Megan Vallance (Board Liaison replacing Diane Akright)

Treasurer Report: Ginger

Ginger provided a hard copy of the current Treasury report to present members. Current balance in the General Fund (excludes Nichols Point) is: **\$20,694**. Nichols Point fund balance currently: **\$83,096**

Anticipated 2025 fiscal year budget allocation from per Township Board following Budget Workshop is: **\$26,414**

As part of the budget workshop and partially due to the new millage passing, Parks and Rec will no longer be responsible for Wagner room private event costs and that responsibility will transfer to Township.

*However, the Parks and Recreation will still be billed back at a reasonable rate per hour for any events associated with *community* use, such as Game Night and Square Dances.

*Additional information based on Township Board budget decision that wasn't brought up during meeting

Kiosks- Jim Hutchinson has offered to install a kiosk at Lake Mary. We'd like to also install kiosks at Bright Waters, Nichols Point and potentially on the North Shore (near camping spots and the cross) in order to provide some cohesiveness at public use areas island wide and to match at each park.

These will be three-sided kiosks that will feature:

- Burn permit information and requirements
- A map showing current location
- Emergency numbers and information
- Current events

Vaulted toilet for Bright Waters- Jim Mackay is heading this project. Goal for completion of this project is July 25th. Permits need to be obtained from LMAS. Jim is going to contact Tom Bach about how to go about obtaining those and who to contact at the DNR. He will also get with Brent Sharpe to see if he'd be willing to dig the hole and help with the project. DNR has agreed to donate a top/cover for it. Cheboygan Cement to place vault, perhaps we can schedule when they are already coming for other jobs. Approved amount for project: **\$10,000**

Fundraising-

- 83 calendars sold for a total of **\$2075**
- Photo Contest raised **\$765**

Grants-

- Chippewa District Grant- March
- MDOT Grant for a 2x3' historical marker at Nichols Point-\$4400
 - Possibility that Lynn Turner and Melissa Freye may be interested in helping us with Grant writing
 - As for the original 1'x8" brass plaque marker that Mike White found, the archaeologist consulted suggested the following means of preserving it:
 1. Cemented deep to prevent theft
 2. Suggested making it a centerpiece ie: flower bed around it, path leading to it
 - In accordance with the above recommendation, we'd like to make a trail leading to the original marker and name it the Nichols Point Mike White Historical Trail. This will include signage in the parking area with a directional arrow to follow the trail. The MDOT grant could potentially be written to include the signage, as well as a bathroom as a part of the Nichols Point project.

New Goals-

Jim-

- Fishing contest
 - Last year the weather was bad and impacted turn out, he's coordinated it with free fishing weekend in the past and the weather is typically not great
 - We've learned that kids are exempt from needing a license and may fish free year round
 - Jim will pick a weekend this year where the weather will be more suitable
- Vaulted toilet at Brightwater
 - As discussed above, Jim is making contact with Tom Bach, DNR, and Brent Sharpe
 - Completion goal of July 25th
 - Budget allocated for this project is **\$10,000**

James-

- Chair project at Brightwater- James is working on a chair/bench project for each of the parks, that will ideally match the look of the park and provide cohesion throughout the Island at all parks
- We will discuss further and James will make examples at his place prior to final decision

Ginger-

- Calendars-
 - Is cost good at \$25 or should we raise? All agreed to stay at \$25
 - Ginger would like to add a second calendar that runs from July -June, in order to add events
 - Megan suggested maybe just printing and selling sticker pages, but Ginger pointed out people may add them to wrong date by mistake
 - Kathy and Megan agreed that we could run a second calendar, but to address Ginger's concern that photo contest winners may be upset at being left out of one or the other or some having their photos used twice, that we would need photos for the months of January-June to eliminate those issues. It was decided to choose six new photos from the ones that weren't selected from last contest submissions.
 - Diane was brought in to help choose six new photos, as Megan recused herself from selection because she had photos included
- Photo contest
 - Are entry fees good or should we adjust?
 - Current fees of 1/\$15 and 5/\$60
 - After some discussion and at Kathy's suggestion, we will offer three different entry fees
 - 1 photo for \$20
 - 2 photos for \$30
 - 5 photos for \$60

New Business:

- Monopoly game. Ginger brought pamphlet and presented costs, as well as proposed pricing
 - We chose \$39.99 for consumer cost and picked out tokens, as well as design
 - Ginger will handle fundraising for this project, as far as selling squares etc.
 - \$10,000 for 600 games or \$12,000 for 900

- 5K
 - Moving to another date for the following reasons-
 - Last year it was difficult for people to make both the run and the East/West Softball game
 - Presented issues even with the two events for both restaurants on the island as far as capacity and ability to serve everyone
 - Ferry issues getting everyone over
 - Moved to August 9th

Meeting adjourned: 5:30pm