

Parks and Recreation Committee

April 13, 2023

Bois Blanc Township Hall

Present: Committee members – Dane Akright, Tom Bach, Jay Beugly, and Ginger Canup

Ginger Canup called the meeting was called to order at 4:10 pm.

Minutes

Diane motioned to accept minutes from the May meeting. Ginger seconded and minutes were unanimously approved.

Old Business

MTA Conference – Tom Bach

The meeting will be occur next week. So no updates until then.

Park Signs – Diane and Tom

Tom: More durable long lasting signs made of starboard was quoted at almost \$2,000 vs the MDO vinyl at \$400. The committee unanimously approved the MDO signs with the expect lifespan of about 10yrs.

Open Position – Diane

Jim Mackay was approved by the township board to join the Parks committee on April 12th.

Art Fair – Ginger

Mary Ann Miller is creating a market place for people to combine resources. Fliers were created and there is a google signup. Its still planned for Bible Farm on July 29th.

Brightwater Park Grand Opening – Ginger

Mike Wille will provide hotdogs, but is unable to be there in person. Missy will help with preparing plus provide ice cream. Great Turtle Toys is donating a kite in honor of Ben Nye. They are also donating t-shirts. Diane has paper for kites. We need to cut strips of wood, Jay and Bill will work on it. We might want to use a raffle for participants to win the kite.

Brightwater Park – Diane

We are going to try and get 2 picnic tables delivered there. Skid pier will be moved from the harbor to Brightwater parking lot. Health department needs to come over to see about vaulted toilets locations. Hopefully we can get them installed before opening, but its unlikely. Will have to have a portable toilets as a backup.

North Shore – Tom

Noting from the DNR as far as updates on the vaulted toilet top. Solar lights are going to be a problem because its pretty shaded. Jay said that he thought we could setup our own solar light system for about \$500.

Lake Mary – Jay

No update, because we are waiting to submit a proposal for a spark grant to fund the road and parking area clearing.

Nichols Point – Ginger

Property will be surveyed the last week of April. The surveyor is booked at the Hiway. Ted Erikson a civil engineer will work on design plans for Nichols point. The township has the check ready to pay for the property, but we need to double check on the process and send in the money. DNR has handled the property dispute and assures us that the property extends to the water. Don Balboa is willing to drill the well at Nichols point free of charge. We are hoping that after the engineer gets a chance to look at the property, we can have a conference call to talk about goals and wish list.

New Business**Park organized event – Diane**

There has been several islanders asking about an organized 5k or mini-triathlon.

Schedule – Next meeting is May 18th at 4pm

Jay made a motion to adjourn meeting at 5:20, Ginger seconded.