

Parks and Recreation Committee

August 10, 2023

Bois Blanc Township Hall

Present: Committee members – Tom Bach, Jay Beugly, Ginger Canup, and Jim Mackay

Ginger called the meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm.

Minutes

Ginger motioned to approve minutes from July, Jay Seconded, all approved.

Old Business

Brightwater Park – Ginger

Grant was extended, but we need a realistic end date for completion. Brent Sharpe met with Joe Schlund to see about completing the project. It sounds like they can finish it for \$3,500, the township will have a special meeting to approve the amount as soon as Wednesday. This would be just the road and not improving the ramp at all. We also think a sign by the mailboxes showing the direction to the park.

Liedel Landing – Jay

Looking to get a quote from Rob Cochran to clear Liedel Landing and fix the road. We are going to write up a request for bids on the road and parking lot separate, and one if they are combined to see what we can afford. We will also require a pre-bid meeting so that we can answer all questions at once.

North Shore – Tom

DNR needs an MOU, and they are asking us to cover a lot of the responsibilities. They have 3 different toilet tops, with concrete tops. 2 were usable, but still need work. One needs a new door, with an occupied sign. Roof would need replaced, with tin ideally. They are stored in their maintenance yard. DNR doesn't want any of the sites to expand or the number of campsites to increase. There is dispersed camping allowed so there isn't much we can do about expanded sites other than make sure people aren't cutting trees and clearing brush. Tom suggests that we ask them to patrol it 4 times a year. Tom wanted to know if the parks thought we should continue working with DNR on this project given the amount of work they were asking the township to do. Ginger Motioned that we continue working through the MOU and Jay Seconded. All approved the motion to continue to work on the MOU.

Nichols Point - Ginger

Surveyor will be done by next Monday. The property is pretty level. They said that they used the old Orchard surveys to setup the Nichols Point property, and there should be no conflicts with adjacent properties. Ginger has started working on a Sparks Grant, however they haven't announced an updated due date yet. Ginger has been asking people at the farmers markets to help fill out a wish list of things they would like to see at various parks. We can use that list to try and prioritize items for the engineers.

Ginger reached out to the Coast Guard at Whitefish Point, Bruce Linn. He said that Brian Jaeschke from Mackinac Historic Parks was looking into the marker that Mike White pointed out to us on the Nichols Point property.

Calendars – Ginger

Ginger has sold 50 including the 9 that were sold at the township hall. Our break-even number was 38 calendars.

Farmers market – Ginger

We have coverage for all of the farmers markets for the rest of the year.

Mary Ann Miller made a bunch of gourds and sold them, raising \$305 for the parks.

There will be a TieDye event at the Labor Day weekend farmers market, run by Morgan Pickering.

New Business

The members of the parks committee should go through and prioritize wish lists for all of the different parks. Put them in order and label them as different phases of the project.

Tom raised some concerns that we may need to have a contract to be assured that the township will be able to get our vaulted toilet tanks pumped. Ann Kenedy said that getting the township tanks pumped hasn't been a problem like it has been for island residents.

Schedule – Next meeting is September 14th at 4pm

Ginger made a motion to adjourn meeting at 5:40pm , Tom seconded, and all approved.