

Parks and Recreation Committee

October 13, 2022

Bois Blanc Township Hall

Present: Committee members – Diane Akright, Jay Beugly, and Ginger Canup

Ginger Canup called the meeting was called to order at 4:40 pm.

Minutes

Diane will email the minutes out.

Old Business

Properties

Brightwater Park – Diane Akright

We have the permits from DNR and LMAS. As of today we will post the bid request. Diane included that the contractors should contact the township office so that she can answer any questions they might have. We expect that given the abbreviated timeline that we may only get bids from contractors physically located on the island. We are hoping that some of the trees that must be cleared for parking and the driveway can offset the cost from the contractors.

The township board approved Eastern UP engineering and architects to do a feasibility study for a more permanent dock. It will probably cost about \$10,000 so its coming from a reimbursement form Michigan Depart of Ag Grant that we originally got for the skid pier.

North Shore – Diane provided updates

The DNR doesn't have the top of the toilet and they want us to wait until spring to install.

The test hole has seepage in the bottom, but still okay to use with our tank.

We can get the tank, but we may now need to build the house for it. Diane will follow up with the DNR, but we still need a land use permit.

Lake Mary – Jay Beugly

We received a donation to help fund it and may need to show progress moving forward.

There are concerns with maple road and condition of beech road. Maple road is private, Township Board may need to put it down as a funding priority for spring for maintenance.

Nichols Point – Ginger Canup

Ginger sent out 1032 letters to Taxpayers. She also posted at the Island Diner, Tavern, and Plaunts Ferry. A facebook post created by Misty Wiersema generated a lot of comments and questions.

After the first week we received \$9,931 from 65 people. Most of it is going towards the park and some people requesting that donations are split for additional projects. Very few complaints so far.

Someone is coming to survey other properties on the island for Larry Phillips and they will try and hit the Nichols point property as well. Larry will do our property title search.

Logo Contest – Ginger Canup

1 application so far, the deadline is Nov 8th. Ginger will post reminders on facebook.

Photo Contest – Ginger Canup

37 entries so far, generating \$465 total. Park committee members will judge the entrants photos on Friday Nov 11th at 10am.

5yr Plan

Diane is going to send the 5yr plan to Ginger by Feb first so that we have time to make the grant application deadline of April first.

New Business

Mrs Miller is asked if she could have the Parks sponsor an art and craft fair. She has suggested Aug 5th, but there may be some flexibility in that date. It would be at the Miller's house. Parking would be along the north side of the road only. We will have to talk to Mike about possibly bringing in his food truck. A permit for a raffle for the quilt and art that we have may also be a good idea.

It would also be good to have a table for BBI artist/crafters to sell some of their stuff as well. Maybe even a craft for kids to do. We could do a kite making workshop for kids and go fly them at Brightwater Park. Maybe the kid with the best kite wins a big fancy kite.

Coming up with enough tables and chairs may be an issue, some artists bring their own, but not a lot of them. We considered having classes, like basket making.

Schedule

Next meeting is scheduled for Nov 10th @ 4pm.

With no new business the meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.