

Parks and Recreation Committee

July 13, 2023

Bois Blanc Township Hall

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

Ginger called the meeting was called to order at 4:09 pm.

Minutes

Minutes from June needs to be corrected to say that the surveyors are coming to mark the corners in Nichols point, not that they had marked the corners. No other amendments needed. Ginger made a motion to accept the minutes with the suggested changes. Diane seconded and minutes were unanimously approved.

Old Business

Fishing Contest – Diane

Not very good turnout, but the weather wasn't great and it fairly early in the year. We didn't really do a ton of promotions in advance. There wasn't much cost.

Spark Grant / Lake Mary – Jay

We didn't make the deadline because of issues with the submission. Jay wasn't not approved for submissions even though he was approved to edit and up load the documents. It was also a poor fit since the grant specifically calls out that it is not for road construction.

Priorities for Lake Mary

- 1) Fix Road, maybe redesignate it as a county road.
- 2) Liedel Landing property clearing
- 3) Add Campground spots
- 4) Kiosks

Maybe move sparks grant to the Nichols Point.

Park Signs – Diane

We are going to copy the sign design from Bright Water. Might be able to go ahead and order the Liedel Landing so its ready to use.

Brightwater Park – Diane

The condition of the road to the water is still not very usable and the road isn't completed at the end to create a turnaround and boat launch. Island Contractors said they were done working on it and we already paid them. Jay asked if we need to find funds to hire someone else to complete the work. It appears that we will, and we will have to with hold some of the funds until the project is complete.

North Shore – Diane

We got a verbal go ahead from the Environmental impact statement, but not in writing yet. Need to work on and complete and MOU with the DNR for the vaulted toilet. Scott Thompson from the DNR is going to have a phone call to discuss how the relationship with the DNR and the Northshore would

work. We thought it might be good to have Cheboygan Cement pre-seal the tank and before we set it. Also, we should have solar lighting inside and outside the toilet. The DNR would like us to assure that the campsite footprints don't expand and that permits are filled out and displayed. Maintenance would have to check trashcans and cleaning and pumping toilet. Maybe checked 2x a week in July and August.

Nichols Point - Ginger

We are waiting on a survey to confirm locations of everything. The surveyor gave a quick break down of his plans. He thinks that it will be fairly straight forward and that the focus will be on the intention of the original surveyors.

Kite Festival – Diane

We had 41 entrees for the prize kite. Seemed like it went well and members of the public have told each of us that they liked the event. We made close to 25 kites.

Calendars – Ginger

Ginger has sold 35 already and 8 more were sold at the township hall. Our break-even number was 38 calendars. So we have at least done that.

Farmers market – Ginger

We have almost all the weekends covered; we still need to have someone cover the Art Festival. Julie Maynard said that she might have someone visiting that can help that day. She will coordinate with Ginger. Ginger created a gift program form so that people that want to donate can. There are some people who expressed interest in donating a bench.

We didn't get the grant from the BBI Community Foundation for the Kiosks.

New Business

We should go through Gingers wish lists and group in phases and priorities. This way we can set our goals.

Labor Day Weekend we are going to do Tie-Die Shirts run by Morgan Pickering.

Schedule – Next meeting is August 10th at 4pm

Ginger made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:15pm , Jay seconded, and all approved.