

Parks and Recreation Committee

June 17, 2022

Bois Blanc Township Hall

Present: Committee members – Diane Akright, Jay Beugly, and Missy Phillips

(via Teleconference) Ginger Canup

Diane Akright called the meeting was called to order at 4:02pm.

Minutes

Diane called for a motion to approve minutes from the May meeting. Missy seconded. All voted to approve minutes

Old Business

Properties

Brightwater Park – Diane Akright (lead on project)

We have received our permit from EGLE for a 25ft drive through the wetland section. It can be wider outside of the wetland area.

We still need a permit from the Health Department for soil erosion. Heath Department is helping Diane to fill out the needed permit.

The project has to be completed by August so we may need to have a shorter bid window to get it done in time. Missy said that she would help with the construction bid. The bid has to have specifics such as requiring silt fences, number and sizes of culverts.

North Shore – Diane Akright (Karen Beauchamp not in attendance)

Township approved us to go ahead with the installation of the vaulted toilet.

DNR permit first needed proof of insurance, which we supplied.

We are trying to get the top delivered first so that we can complete the repairs while other work is being done.

We need to write a request for funds from the Foundation and Association for splitting the costs.

Missy volunteered to start working on the request.

We may want a solar light for above the door for night time use.

Lake Mary – Jay Beugly

Jay went out with Mike White and found the survey markers for the property donated by Liedels for boat trailer parking. We were able to find the markers for the platted road (Bois Blanc) that runs along the east side of the donated property. It probably makes the most sense to have the road cleared so that we enter the property from that road and not from Maple Ave.

Jay needs to write up a bid request so that we can get estimates for clearing the land for trailer parking.

Snow Beach (Nichols Point) – Diane Akright (Ginger Canup was not present in person)

We talked to the Little Traverse Conservancy and they suggested that the first steps would be to get a survey and title search to make sure the land we are interested in matches.

We decided to start a fundraiser to try and raise as much of the funds as possible to purchase the property. There was a discussion about ways for us to raise money, which included donating items to sell, baking, have competitive events (like Ping-Pong and cornhole). We also considered kite making and flying for kids. Ultimately, for the time being the group agreed to move forward on a photography contest where people can pay a small fee to submit their pictures, pending township board approval, the winning pictures would be displayed at township properties. If we have the photo contest end on Aug 20th, then we would have sufficient time to judge them and announce the winner by September 3rd. We will see if we could announce the winner at the Wildlife Association's annual dinner. Additionally, we agreed to work at the farmers markets throughout the summer to ask for donations from the public to help fund the purchase.

Parks and Rec Calendar of events online

There was concern of having a calendar that had events for businesses, we want to make sure there is no perceived bias favoring a company or individual. We are going to see if we can have the calendar listed as community events so that it doesn't seem sponsored by parks and rec. To try and avoid bias we will also not request calendar events, but rely on people submitting events to us that we then add to the calendar.

New Business

During the discussion about fundraising, the idea about having a logo contest for the parks and rec committee came up. It was decided that we should have a logo competition so that we could have a standard logo to place on our signs, fliers, and future items to sell as fundraisers (such as stickers, shirts,...). The goal is to have the last day to submit the logo on July 23rd so that we could announce the logo at the annual East vs West softball game.

Public Comments

N.A.

Schedule

Next meeting is scheduled for July 14th.

With no new business the meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.