

Parks and Recreation Committee

June 8, 2023

Bois Blanc Township Hall

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

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

Minutes

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

Old Business

Fishing Contest – Diane

Fishing contest was posted on website and Facebook. Kids will need a picture and form for them to fill out. Name, Age, Address. Then they get vouchers. We will ask them to forward the pictures to Diane and gain permission to post them online.

Spark Grant / Lake Mary – Jay

Jay will send screen shots of application to committee to approve before submitting. Jay thought we might want a sign that outlines the old submerged crib in the lake so people launching boats don't collide with it. Diane heard from neighbors that we might want to mark the road @ 10mph because the increased traffic and possible presence of children. We will come up with a survey for neighbors about their ideas and impressions about fixing the road and expanding the campground. Jay will also generate a list of potential signs.

Park Signs – Diane

Diane placed the order for the signs, they are not quite finished yet. Tommy Boulan will start stone work this weekend with a wood topped post. Sign will include a thank you placard recognizing funders. Sign will include rules, hours, no overnight, noise ordinance. Maybe include a dog clean up station in the future.

MTA Conference – Tom

Review of Tom reiterated that he has hand outs for information and also reviewed what was discussed last week.

Brightwater Park – Diane

The engineers took measurements and are looking to us to describe what we want to do with the area. We will outline the use of a skid pier, have space for emergency boat landings, and recreational boat launches.

Diane talked to Brent Sharp about how to remove water from the roadway between the power line and the water front. We also need to lower the highwater berm and level it out for launching boats.

Feasibility study should tell us how to level it out as well.

Kite festival will be the 4th of July weekend, 10-2 on July 1st. Mike Wille will have hotdogs and Frances Urbany will serve the hotdogs. Jay, Ginger, Tom, and Diane are all available to help at the event. Diane will call to get a porta pot delivered.

North Shore – Tom

We are still waiting on an environmental impact study. They can't give us a schedule of when it will be completed. DNR in Lansing said they will find a vaulted toilet top for us. Money from the island association and foundation will have to be reapplied for since they have a 1yr time frame.

We may want to get some kind of vinyl wall coverings for the outhouses as mold seems to be a problem in existing vaulted toilets on the island.

Nichols Point - Ginger

Surveyor is coming out at the end of next week. They are coming to mark the corners and they are returning to mark additional spots. The surveyor is also going to investigate the interesting historical marker found on the property. They may actually be 2 markers, one that marked the potential location for the bridge and another that was for the Coast Guard to sign in. Ginger is going to reach out to the Coast Guard Museum on White Fish Point to ask if they know.

Diane – The additional property offered to us by the DNR (property that must remain public in perpetuity) is a little more expensive than we hoped at \$10,000. Diane is going to bring it to the board meeting on Wednesday. It includes the coast line and the roadway. So there is not much concern about exact boundary locations.

Calendars – Ginger

It costs us \$6.52 / calendar for 150 to be made. We can sell them for \$30 so we are priced higher than others on the island selling them. Ginger is going to reach out to Allen at the Outpost to see if he would be interested in selling them, with them listed for \$30, but he keeps \$5 for handling and selling.

Raffle – Ginger

Ginger applied for a permit in April, they told us it would take about 8 weeks. We haven't received it yet. A local artist is donating art work for us to raffle.

New Business

Farmers market – Ginger

Ginger will send out a signup sheet for working farmers markets.

Ideas for Next Year

5k, Bird Watching, Snorkeling event, Kayaking,

Schedule – Next meeting is July 13th at 4pm

Ginger made a motion to adjourn meeting at 5:56, Tom seconded, and all approved.