

Parks and Recreation Committee

March 9, 2023

Bois Blanc Township Hall

Present: Committee members – Diane Akright, Tom Bach, and Jay Beugly. Ginger Canup called in.

Diane Akright called the meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

Minutes

Old Business

Parks Budget for 2023-24 – Diane

There is no Salary budgeted, but there is 2hrs per park each week for maintenance. There is also a milage rate to drive to the parks. We expect the propane budget to remain consistent. In the repairs budget, we think that we can replace a couple of tables in the Wagner Room each year. The Lake Mary budget is just a rough estimate. Our Brightwater budget will be covered by grant income. For Nichols Point we estimated \$10,000, but we are not entirely sure of the costs.

MTA Conference – Tom

Scheduled for April, so has not happened yet.

Michigan Spark Grant – Jay

The grant seems to be due towards the end of 2023. We will work on one for the Lake Mary's project and help the school board with a separate one for their park.

Park Signs – Diane

Limited on size due to our local ordnance. Tom Bollard out of St Ignace can have one done for Brightwater Park before our July opening. It would be made of MDO and vinyl. We would have it held by a single post or cedar arch to support it. With some masonry work around the base. Tom Bach wondered about MDO vs sold vinyl for cost and longevity. Tom said that he would look around for solid vinyl.

Open Parks Board Position

Jim Mackay might be interested in joining the board, Diane will reach out to him. James Robinson may be interested as well and Tom said he will ask him.

Art Fair – Diane

New Date and location is July 29th at the bible farms.

Brightwater Park – Diane/Ginger

Ginger made flyers for the kite flying contest. We are hopeful that we can have fire and rescue there, but it does overlap with a fundraiser that they are doing on the east end. Diane found some simple plans for making kites.

Our grant extension has given us plenty of time to have the park complete before the grantors do their final inspection.

Liedel Landing – Jay

Nothing new, working on spark grant so that we can fund the projects around Lake Mary. We had hoped to make road improvements. Diane talked to Brent Sharp, and he thought that we should be able to work on the road without sending letters to all the land owners because we are land owners and we would be covering the cost of road improvement.

Nichols Point – Diane

A new surveyor is coming in April since the Hiway is reopened and they will have somewhere to stay. Diane is working on a PIE &G grant due in March for up to \$5,000 which would cover the costs of picnic tables, grills, and trash cans.

Calendar – Diane

It will be an 18month calendar and ready for June the Parks Committee thinks that we could sell it for \$30.

Schedule

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 13th at 4pm.

Diane called for a motion to adjourn at 5:20, Jay seconded, and there was unanimous approval.