

Parks and Recreation Committee

May 18, 2023

Bois Blanc Township Hall

Present: Committee members – Dane Akright, Tom Bach, and Jay Beugly. Jim Mackay was on Webex (listened only).

Diane called the meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm.

**Minutes**

Tom motioned to accept minutes from the April meeting. Jay seconded and minutes were unanimously approved.

**Old Business**

**MTA Conference – Tom**

Tom collected a lot of informational brochures that he will bring for the committee to look at, most were from vendors and park information handouts. He also said that he learned that through the open meetings act, meeting min would be automatically approved at the close of the next meeting, and no changes/edits could occur after that point.

**Park Signs – Diane**

Diane placed the order for the signs, but has not received an ETA yet. She is waiting to hear from Tommy Boulan for construction of the sign base.

**Brightwater Park – Diane**

Engineers were here this week, but we have not received an update from them. Chuck Gekle was nice enough to use his boat to pilot the engineers around for their assessments. Global Industrial (park equipment company, tables, trashcans...) is in the process of setting us up as a government account to get additional discounts over their list prices. Diane is going to reach out to the property owners adjacent to the park to address their concerns about the property borders. The skid pier is still at the marina.

**North Shore – Tom**

We are again in a holding pattern because we need an environmental impact statement before we can install the vaulted toilet. Tom is meeting someone, hopefully by the end of the month to get that document completed. While they are here Diane is going to ask them to evaluate the necessity for additional impact statements on some of the other park properties.

**Lake Mary – Jay**

The DNR has announced the due date for the next SPARK grant, then end of June. Jay plans to get a draft of the proposal to the group before the next meeting so that everyone has time to provide feedback. That should allow plenty of time to make changes and get it submitted.

## **New Business**

### **Nichols Point**

The DNR contacted us about purchasing additional property along the shore line of Snow Beach. The additional property wasn't included originally because it would never be available to auction off. It is deed restricted to remain public in perpetuity. They thought that since we purchased the other property (deeds at the township hall) that we may be interested in maintaining local control of this additional adjacent property.

The committee agreed that we should submit the application and \$300 fee to find out what the property might cost us.

We would need to have a public meeting to discuss the development plan.

Jay will need to walk Nichols point to photograph and document flora, which he plans to do next week. University of Michigan might be willing to come take a look.

### **DNR Free Fishing**

June 10<sup>th</sup> is free fishing day. Diane proposed the parks fund free ice cream (paid for by parks) at The Outpost for children under 16 that bring a picture of a fish they caught that day. Tom motioned to have free ice cream for kids under 16 that catch fish on June 10<sup>th</sup>, Diane seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Tom said that he could work on modifying DNR fliers.

### **Island Clean up**

Diane mentioned that there have been several posts online about various island cleaning days. She thought that the parks might be able to assist in some way. The committee agreed, but there wasn't clear consensus on what assistance to provide. Diane is going to reach out to Jackie who posted about the clean-up, and ask her if she could use our help in some way.

**Schedule – Next meeting is June 8<sup>th</sup> at 4pm**

**Diane made a motion to adjourn meeting at 4:35, Jay seconded, and all approved.**