

Parks and Recreation Committee

November 9, 2023

Bois Blanc Township Hall

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

Ginger Canup called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm.

**Minutes**

Ginger motioned to accept previous meeting minutes, Diane moved to approve, Tom Seconded. All approved minutes from previous meeting.

**Old Business**

**North Shore – Tom**

On hold due to contractor not having a sufficient license to complete the project. There was a general discussion about how we could get the tank top and tank over to the island before spring. We planned to work with the State Parks to get the top on a trailer and delivered to island. We can store it at Jay's house and make necessary repairs over winter.

We also discussed having signage clearly marking the property owners, to avoid the perception that the North Shore is township property.

We should have a new bid request for the spring, but work cannot be done until the threat of frost is past, because of weight and rules on public road ways.

**Lake Mary – Jay**

We can't move the project forward until we have some funding in place.

**Nichols Point – Ginger**

No update, waiting on Engineer. Should be completed by January to receive funds from the county contribution.

**Questionnaire to mail to property owners – Diane (Jim)**

Ginger motioned to approve the letter, Jay Seconded, all approved.

**Calendars – Ginger**

We sold 54 calendars which brings the total to \$1,620.

For next year we had 74 pictures submitted for \$940. The winners and where their pictures will be in the 2025 calendar is listed below. Megan Hawver won the \$200 prize for best picture.

Brian Guzniczak (Northern Lights) -January 2025

Joyce Harmon (Icy Blue Shore) -February 2025

Ann Simpson (Lone Yellow Leaf) - March 2025

Greg Widseth (Sandhill Crane with Bird) -April 2025

Michelle Reynolds (Double Rainbows) - May 2025

Ann Simpson (Moon Reflection) - June 2025

Megan Hawver (Summer Beach) -July 2025

Meagan Hawver (Water Reflection) -August 2025 \*\*\*\* WINNER

Meagan Hawver (Sun thru Trees) -September 2025

Michelle Reynolds (Foggy Day) -October 2025

Michelle Reynolds (Fall Road) - November 2025

Ryan Mandelbaum (Squirrel) -December 2025

**Wish List for Projects – Ginger**

Postpone wish list until February.

**Meeting Schedule**

We will stick with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. However, we will have no meeting in December.

**New Business**

**Monthly News – Jim**

Jim is going to provide monthly updates on the Facebook groups about what is happening with the Parks and Rec Commission. He will send out a draft to the group before posting.

**Budget – Jim**

Jim has offered to try and track our budget more closely so that we don't have any issues or misunderstandings with our available funds.

**Parks and Rec millage – Tom**

Tom would like us to consider a millage on to allow Parks and Rec to have a separate budget. Diane suggested that we come up with estimated budgets and projects. And we should have a public meeting and letter to discuss the proposal. In the letter it might be good to list the Parks and Rec accomplishments with the budget we have been working with. Tom motioned to proceed with planning a 0.5mil for 5yrs to establish a separate Parks and Recreation budget. Ginger Seconded the motion and all approved.

**Meeting Adjourned at 5:23pm**