

Parks and Recreation Committee

October 12, 2023

Bois Blanc Township Hall

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

Ginger called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm.

Minutes

Jay motioned to approve minutes from August, Tom seconded, all approved.

Old Business

North Shore – Tom

Bid request went out, Dian received a few questions from Rob at BBI Lumber Mill and Land Services. Island Contractors will not have time to do the project. LMAS wanted to double check that the tank would be sealed, occasionally tanks have predrilled holes and they wanted to make sure those were taken care of. Additionally, they wanted to know what size of tank we are using. LMAS visits the island about every other week, so having them inspect it should be easy. We are still waiting on a land use permit from the DNR. We have a temporary permit, but the P&R committee doesn't want to risk installing the tank on the temporary permit and have the DNR not approve the final permit. We will not have the final permit until we have an approved Memoranda of Understanding (MOU). DNR has sent the MOU to their supervisor and their legal department.

Tank options from Gaylord are smaller, but half the hourly cost to deliver and drop in. The top from the DNR is bigger than the tank, so when setting it, it will overhang. Bids for the North Shore vaulted toilet are due on Oct 18th.

Ginger reminded us that the Association and Foundation are funding up to \$3000 of the vaulted toilet install.

Tom has concerns about the truck with the tank making the trip all in one day. It would come up from Gaylord and probably not make the first ferry because it is picking up the top from the DNR on its way over. We are going to talk to the installer from Gaylord and see if it might make more sense to pay for a special ferry mid-morning so that they don't get stranded on the island if the install goes too long.

Liedel Landing / Lake Mary – Jay

Rob had questions about the bid requests, specifically to verify the needs for a silt fence. LMAS requires a soil erosion permit within 500ft of water, so a silt fence is necessary. Bids for Lake Mary/Liedel Landing are due on Oct 18th.

There was a mistake on the bid request relating to gravel size and grade. Diane is going to amend the bid request and notify everyone of the fix to the gravel grade portion. There were concerns with grading the road to low letting the water accumulate on the road way. Equally concerning is if the current dips were just filled with gravel, as this method would result in the gravel just splashing back out of the divots.

The township board wants to see a more long range plan for the future of Lake Mary Campground. Including plans for different types of campsites, size of sites, how many total spots. They also would like to see rules about the length of stay, number of cars, ect.

Brightwaters Park – Diane

We are approved to remove the silt fence. LMAS wants to make sure the ground was stable first. We are allowed to spread hay on the ground (straw would blow away) to help hold the soil in place while plants grow back. Split Rail fence has been unavailable so we will not be able to extend it along the property line until we are able to source some.

The end of September, marked the end of the grantor's fiscal year, so we should be receiving a check for \$58,000 to reimburse expenditures on the project. We have an extension until March to finish the project. We will need to send them pictures proving that we have completed that portion of the project.

The feasibility study suggests using the old sea wall along the point by building it up and filling it with gravel. They estimated that it would be \$680,000 for a more permanent dock solution.

The adjacent property owners have asked us to update the plaque to have different names. They offered to pay for the correction. They also expressed some concern about trespassing, but were excited to hear about potential future additions to the park, especially a raised pathway.

Nichols Point - Ginger

The unofficial survey shows that there are no conflicts with current landowners. There also appears that our property doesn't extend to the disputed portion of Nichols point. We will have the official draft sent to the engineers so that they can start suggested layouts.

The historical marker has finally been explained by the Mackinac Bridge Authority. The marker has a "B" labeled on it to mark the end of the theoretical bridge from Cheboygan. There is a marker on the Cheboygan side labeled "A", and one on the west end with a "C" that would mark the bridge to Round Island. Ginger has all the literature and is getting help with historical signage and creating a way to preserve the marker.

Calendars – Ginger

We found a mistake on the calendar in December. For some reason Easter is also listed for Dec. We are going to reduce the price to \$20 starting Nov 1 because several of the months have gone by and we have covered our costs.

Website – Tom

There is a separate page for bid requests and Gaylord reposted our bid requests. He also updated visuals on the website with more pictures and maps.

Photo Contest – Ginger

Ginger only has 6 entries so far, but is not concerned because we got a lot of late entries last year.

Wish List Review: - Ginger

We will review our wish list for next meeting.

Fundraising ideas

Monopoly Board for the island, its expensive and requires a high number for a minimum order.
Road Rally – where people go through checkpoints. There would be “spies” to make sure that people are not speeding.

Schedule –

Bid review on Oct 19th

Photo contest judging on Nov 9th at 3pm

Next meeting is Nov 9th, at 4pm

Ginger made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:18pm, Diane seconded, and all approved.