

Parks and Recreation Committee

April 11, 2024

Bois Blanc Township Hall

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

Ginger Canup called the meeting to order at 4:13 pm.

Minutes

Ginger motioned to accept previous meeting minutes, Diane seconded. All approved minutes from previous meeting.

Old Business

Treasurer Report – Ginger reviewed (Jim MacKay was not in person)

Parks and Rec has \$16,559 available from general fund allocation (\$9,000) and donations

North Shore – Ginger

We were notified that an individual with all required licensed agreed to donate time and equipment to install the vaulted toilet. We did receive one bid, however the bid was retracted by the company that submitted it before we opened it after they were notified that the Parks and Rec was likely to go with the donation.

We will get a solar light and roof installed after the tank and top are placed.

MDNR is coming to the island the week of June 24th to look at their properties and see about necessary signage on the property.

Nichols Point – Ginger

Contacted State about historical sign to mark the bridge survey marker. The sign would be like the one located at the dock by the flagpole, they informed her that those signs cost about \$4,400. Ginger is going to reach out to the island historical society, Mackinac County Museum, and the Mackinac Bridge Authority to maybe split the cost 4 ways.

Ginger passed out a drawing of property from the engineers so we can sketch in our ideas for different amenities at different locations on the property. There was a lot of discussion about the layout of the new park. Ginger also had all the surveys from the public we had filled out at the farmers market.

Triathlon – Jay

Suggest that we make it a 5k due to time constraints. Its almost exactly a 5k from Brightwaters park to Bible farm. If we plan it for the same weekend as the East vs West softball game we could make it an East vs West 5k by have people register as east or west and the team with the lowest average 5k time wins.

Parks and Rec millage – Ginger

Moved to November because the committee thinks it is more likely to pass with multiple other millages occurring in August.

Jay Motioned to place a 4yr millage on the November ballot. Diane Seconded the motion. All approved.

Calendars – Ginger

129 sold gross was \$4,409. We all agreed to repeat the effort for next year.

Fishing Contest –

Picture of fish must be from the weekend of June 8th, Ice cream from the Outpost. Jim agreed to handout the certificates.

Tattler – Ginger

She agreed to send in an update on calendars, 5k, photo contest, and June 8th fishing contest

Open Parks Position – Diane

The Township accepted Tom Bachs resignation. Diane will post on the bulletin boards and online about the open position on the board.

New Business – Diane

There will be a virtual meeting with the Department of Ag to talk about the progress of the grant at Brightwaters Park on 9am, April 25. Jay agreed to be there in addition to Diane.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:11pm