

Parks and Recreation Committee

August 15, 2024

Bois Blanc Township Hall

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

Ginger Canup called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

Minutes – Jay

Previous meeting minutes were approved.

Old Business

Treasury Report – Ginger

Donations from calendar and 5K since last meeting are \$490 and \$1375 respectively. Available funds are \$15,917 for general use, and \$83,096.00 for the Nichols Point property.

5K – Ginger

Huge thank you to Todd and Maureen for all their help.

Suggested improvements for next year

1. Water and Gatorade at the finish
2. Organize awards announcement
3. Advertise shuttle service
4. Possibly switch directions so we end at Brightwater (people might want to swim)
5. Have a restroom available at the start
6. EMS on hand
7. Improve distance markers

North Shore – Tom Bach

Light is installed on the inside and outside. Campers say that it works great. There needs to be some additional landscaping to reduce the step up into the vaulted toilet. Tom offered to use his tin to fix the roof, but Brent Sharpe said that he has brown he can donate. LMAS has asked about who is going to remove the old outhouses from the property.

Diane is working on signs for the North Shore, she hasn't found a Kiosk that she really likes. We also have an old Lake Mary sign that we maybe able to reuse, but it wouldn't match our new style signs. She wants to install campsite posts for displaying camper permits and numbering the sites. The DNR hasn't responded about providing those yet. Scott Thompson from MIDNR has sent a draft of proposed roads that they plan to keep open or close. They will be available for public comment from Nov 1 -Dec 1.

Bright Waters Park – James

James provided a lot of information about portable restrooms and composting toilets. There was a lot of discussion about what might fit best in our budget and be the most feasible given the limited service we can get on the island. Ultimately the committee thought that a vaulted toilet will work best for now. Diane motioned to move forward with estimates and plans to install a vaulted toilet at Bright Waters Park. Ginger Seconded the motion. All committee members voted in favor.

Farmers Market – Ginger

We have been averaging about 6 calendars sold per farmers market.

Millage

The millage is scheduled to be on the Nov ballot. Jay will work on a letter to voters in the township, will be done by early to mid-October.

New Business – Diane

The Great Lakes Island Alliance meeting is September 22 – 25th in Cedarville, MI. Brandie Dune, Jay and Mandy Beugly will all be in attendance. Diane mentioned that others were free to attend, but the township was only covering 2 attendees at the moment.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:54pm