

Preliminary

Parks and Recreation Committee

June 13, 2024

Bois Blanc Township Hall

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

Ginger Canup called the meeting to order at 4:07 pm.

Minutes – Jay

Previous meeting minutes was approved.

Old Business

Treasury Report – Diane

We looked at expenses for year to date and talked about a sound system which an outside organization offered to pay for and have installed. There were general questions about if it made more sense for them to purchase their own mobile unit so they are not installing permanent infrastructure in the Wagner room. They are going to do a little more research to decide what they actually need.

North Shore – Tom Bach

Tank and top were placed, there needs to be a little bit of landscaping done. The dirt is a little low in the front, so it might be good to push some up around the base. The brush could be removed around the outhouse. Looking into a solar light for the inside and outside, with potentially a battery box to power it.

DNR Meeting – Diane

Diane has been compiling a list of questions from island residents for DNR officials. She plans to send the questions to the DNR before the meeting so that they can be addressed. Not all divisions of the DNR will be in attendance at the meeting, sending questions ahead of time will allow the appropriate division to provide their response, despite being absent. We are hopeful that they will provide us with their plans for the west side of Bible Road, the actual number of approved campsites on the North Shore. Hopefully they can provide us with signage to label camping spots. We hope they will talk about planned clear cuts and any wildlife surveys they hope to accomplish. James suggested they clearly identify ATV trails and suggested that those coming across on the boat should be encouraged to sign ATV credo to follow the rules and help maintain our trails in their current conditions.

Nichols Point – Ginger

We had a question from an adjacent landowner to Nichols point about collecting fallen logs from the property. It was suggested that our committee probably doesn't have the authority to grant that type of request and it should be referred to the township board.

Site Plan for Nichols point was discussed, Ginger compiled all of the committee's various suggestions for the property and presented it to the group. There was a suggestion that we should see if a contractor might be willing to walk the property to help us determine if it was feasible to put structures where we had placed them on the map. It was mentioned by someone in attendance of the meeting that we may have more wetlands than we think because after snowmelt there is a lot of standing water on the property. Ginger is going to continue with our suggestions and present it to the group at the July meeting.

Fishing Contest – Jim

No kids showed up for the free ice cream during free fishing weekend. Jim suggested that maybe we cancel it or move it to August. We could look into DNR fishing pole loaner program that some surrounding states have. We could also partner with the Wildlife Association. Jim will look into organizing it for early August at Lake Mary.

BBI Community Foundation – Diane

Diane is looking at getting funding from the Community foundation to purchase replacement tables for the worst ones in the Wagner room. She is also going to try to get funding to replace the dishwasher in the Wagner room. Diane will submit the charges for the North Shore outhouse to the foundation for reimbursements.

We could also use funding to purchase kiosks and more gravel at Brightwaters Park. Ginger is going to forward and updated "wish list" which we created for each of the properties.

5K – Ginger

We have had 11 people register for the 5K, 3 of which are kids. Diane has all of the water stations covered. Ginger has found someone to make our shirts at cost. We plan to match the design on the medals to the design on the shirts. It was suggested that maybe the Outpost would be willing to donate some fruit. We need to ask Todd and Maureen about race timing and if painting on the gravel road and using orange cones would be helpful.

Farmers Market – Ginger

All the dates have been assigned.

New Business – James

James suggested that we could look into the Water Tribe and Quiet Waters Symposium if we were interested in sponsoring a water race around the island. He also mentioned that it would be great if we could come up with a way to facilitate "Float Plans" for all types of boaters. Discussion evolved around the possibility that we could have some water safety courses offered on the island through the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Diane agreed to look into Float Plans for the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:00pm

