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RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, October 18, 2016

- 1) Meeting Called to Order @ 5:30 pm
- 2) Roll Call: Dan Adamini, Pete LaRue, Dave Wiegand, Todd Carruth, Mike Springer
Staff: None
- 3) Approval of Agenda:
**Motion: to approve the agenda with the following amendments:
Move 7j to Privileged Comment**

LaRue, Moved / Adamini, Supported **Carried; Unanimously**
- 4) Previous Meeting Minutes – September 28, 2016
**Motion: To approve the September 28, 2016 Minutes.
Carruth, Moved / Adamini, Supported** **Carried; Unanimously**
- 5) Privilege Comment:
Mike Burnet and Springer GPSed the proposed multi-use single track through Schwemwood on Monday. The proposed trail would be entered across from Lost Creek and travel west northwest to the Menards/AT&T corner. It can be separate from the walking paths except for joining to cross the wetland bridge. There are four places that would require small bridges over drainage or wet soil. NTN would be responsible for cleaning trash and other maintenance along the trail. The only area of potential conflict will be at the bridge. Both sides would be signed, establishing pedestrian right of way.
- 6) Public Comment: none
- 7) Unfinished Business:
 - a) Springer sent a copy of the Expanded Maintenance Needs at Lions Recreation Area - 2016 10 18 in support of Manager Girard's request for additional maintenance staff. LaRue showed a few recent photos of bottles in the toilet, a broken door stop, and areas that need attention.
 - b) Springer will put together a list of needs for Schwemwood Park based on the Committee Member comments in past minutes. With the addition of two picnic tables, two benches, four signs, and three trash/recycle bins, multiple weekly visits to the park are necessary. LaRue recommended an identifying tag on the side of the receptacles designating the difference. In the winter snow will pile on the lids. Tags on the side will help identify the difference between trash and recyclables.

- c) Now that all the amenities have been installed, the Township will be reimbursed for the cost of this year's improvements at Schwemwood Park.
- d) The content of the four new signs at Schwemwood was discussed. The ADA, wetland overlook, will contain information on what can be observed and the benefits of wetlands. McCarthy is working with the Superior Watershed Partnership on information for that location. The proposed place for the Master Plan Map and the donor recognition sign would be immediately west of the platform. Carruth advocated for maps in the Park. Wiegand suggested two signs either side of the pathway to the overlook that would read No Motorized Vehicles beyond this point. This allows maintenance easier access to the trash/recyclable bins. Wiegand recommended a map of the trails in the Park be placed at the intersection of the bridge trail and the main trail. The sign in the parking lot would have a similar map as the one at previously mentioned intersection.
- e) Springer has yet to write the letters of recognition for our last Spring park cleanup on May 21.
- f) Grant writing in 2017 for the US 41 underpass, will be addressed after the Parsons/Brinkerhoff Report is presented to the Board. Wiegand suggested the Committee present a well thought out recreational millage plan of maybe one quarter of a mil. That money could be used as match money for grants. Springer will place Recreational Millage under Unfinished Business on the next agenda. April first is the deadline for Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund, MNRTF, applications. The Michigan Department of Transportation plans US 41 upgrades in 2019 and 2021. In order to have funding available for 2019 projects, MNRTF grant funding needs to be applied for in 2017.
- g) Wiegand discussed two proposals for addition to the text of the draft Design Standards Ordinance. Due to an opinion by Attorney Zappa, item c. requiring pathways within the twenty foot buffer, was dropped from the the initial five proposed amendments. Wiegand distributed the remaining four text amendments and went through the pedestrian safety improvements and rationale for including them in the Ordinance.
- h) Springer will wait until after the Parsons/Brinkerhoff report and the Boards' decision on projects, to discuss grant funding. He plans to write a funding request letter to Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority for the Committee to consider.
- i) Springer met with Jason McCarthy yesterday and requested a map with different layers that could be turned off and on. Layers could include, lighting, Complete Streets, and planned new roads. Mr. McCarthy indicated he could have that done by the next Road Committee meeting. This could become part of the draft Transportation Plan.

Adamini inquired about the use of road paint to indicate crosswalks. Wiegand seems to think it went the way of the "Stop Bars" that should be painted at stop signs. He sees this as something both the Recreation Committee and the Road Committee needs to address. Springer will place this item on the next agenda.

- j) The Noquemanon Trail Network will have to come up with a complete plan for Schwemwood and the Trailhead. In addition to the maps, they will need an ongoing maintenance plan with

weekly inspections.

- k) Wiegand suggested one sign on the east side of the Warming Building. The sign would recognize the financial contributions of Cliffs/Lundin and the Keweenaw Indian Tribe. Additionally, volunteers that assisted with the construction of the Children's structure, ice rink and the warming building need to be recognized. He mentioned the Iron Range Hockey Team as an example.

Springer noted that we did not include the Children's Structure in the maintenance needs for Lions Recreation Area. Raking of the wood chips once a month and weekly inspections were recommended by Wiegand. He noted that the bolts on the structure and the bolts on the baseball stands should be tightened.

8) Information Items/Reports: none

9) Public Comment: none

10) Committee Member Comment:

11) Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn at 6:25pm

Adamini, Moved /Wiegand, Supported

Carried: Unanimously

**Next Scheduled Meeting is Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 5:30 PM*

Respectfully submitted by Springer and Wiegand