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RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, January 17, 2017

- 1) Meeting Called to Order @ 5:30 pm
- 2) Roll Call: Dan Adamini, Pete LaRue, Dave Wiegand, Mike Springer
Absent: Todd Carruth, Excused
Staff: none
- 3) Approval of Agenda:
Motion: To approve the agenda.
Wiegand, Moved / LaRue, Supported **Carried; Unanimously**
- 4) Election of Officers
 - a) **Motion: To appoint Mike Springer as Chair**
Wiegand, Moved / LaRue, Supported **Carried; Unanimously**
 - b) **Motion: To appoint Dan Adamini as Vice Chair**
Wiegand, Moved / LaRue, Supported **Carried; Unanimously**
 - c) **Motion: To appoint Dave Wiegand as Secretary**
LaRue, Moved / Adamini, Supported **Carried; Unanimously**
- 5) Previous Meeting Minutes – December 20, 2016
Motion: To approve the December 20, 2016 Minutes.
Wiegand Moved / Adamini, Supported **Carried; Unanimously**
- 6) Public Comment: none
- 7) Unfinished Business:
 - a) A Warming Building Recognition Sign document listing both volunteers and financial supporters was discussed. LaRue contacted Dean McAullif. The Hockey team, Mr. McAullif bought to assist with the Children's Structure wood chip disbursement and the Ice Rink fencing, were the Royals.
Motion: To approve and forward the Warming Building Recognition List with the correction of 'Royals' Hockey Team.
Wiegand Moved / LaRue, Supported **Carried; Unanimously**
 - b) Schwemwood Park maintenance and Lions Recreation Area was discussed. LaRue expressed concern that some of the work that the Township did this summer at the trailhead may have to

be moved. He questioned the lack of communication. Springer noted that he and Jason McCarthy discussed the oversight and equally shared responsibility for not contacting the Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority with our plans. The Committee agreed that we need to do a better job of communicating with the Authority.

- c) The Lions Recreation Area 2017 MDNR Passport Project was discussed. As the Board Representative to the Road and Recreation Committees, Wiegand plans to ask the Board for their direction for both Committees. A lengthy discussion on the process of the Downtown Development Authority approving the Parsons/Brinckerhoff report and the Recreation Committee being able to work towards the success of an underpass took place.
 - d) The Schwemwood Park Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund 2017 Project was discussed. Wiegand volunteered to meet with Manager Girard and discuss the two projects that need to be completed this year.
 - e) Adamini relayed the discussion of the US 41 underpass that took place between himself and Representative Casperson during an, otherwise, unrelated meeting. Casperson expressed interest in the project. He would like to be part of a collaborative effort of various groups that come together to solve a problem. The model of this effort could be used as an example of how when various groups, with a common interest, work collectively towards a common goal, good things can happen. Wiegand noted the need to get Manager Girard involved in any scheduled discussions with representatives outside of the Committee. Wiegand will relay the conversation to Manager Girard.
 - f) The content of the overlook sign at Schwemwood Park is being designed by the Superior Watershed Partnership. An additional sign about the Township near the trailhead, was discussed. Wiegand expressed a need to coordinate with the IOHRA to find out about their plans and share ours. Springer will email Carol Fulsher and copy Jason McCarthy on this.
 - g) Planner McCarthy provided five maps for roads, Complete Streets and non-motorized Transportation. The different maps included property lines, topographic lines and the current Safe Routes to Schools and utility strip pathways. Springer will set up a map work session. Wiegand suggested that it be a collaborative work session between the Road and Recreation Committees.
 - h) The idea of a Recreation Millage was suggested by two Board members at a recent Board meeting. The Committee hopes the Board will provide further direction, via the Planning Commission, to pursue the idea.
 - i) Adamini has talked with Tim Kopaz about a family friendly disc golf course at Schwemwood. Springer suggested that it may be a better fit in the well head protection area. Adamini sees this as something that would add another use for Schwemwood Park and it could, potentially, be at no cost to the Township. Conflicts with flying discs and bicyclists was noted as a potential problem.
- 8) New Business:
- a) LaRue previously requested a sign at the Pavilion at Lions Field. He and Springer see the need to install an additional sign near the pavilion. The sign could include the history of the property, as

well as, the Land and Water Conservation Funding and the Lion's Club involvement. LaRue had sent information to Jason McCarthy on the history of Lions Field and the Pavilion.

9) Information Items/Reports:

- a) McCarthy and Springer attended the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grants Workshop on January 12. Future award recipients will now have to do their own annual project inspection and reports. Additional items for the Committee to discuss are green infrastructure plans and water trails.
- b) Four out of five Committee members attended the Strategic Planning and Policy Governance workshop on Friday, January 13. The Committee found it informative and encourage that the Board is considering Policy Governance again. The meeting helped clarify the chain of command and proper channels.
- c) Letters of recognition were approved by the Planning Commission to be sent out. Springer will check with Jason on the date they were sent.

10) Public Comment: none

11) Committee Member Comment:

LaRue noted that there are tours of Marquette City. He would like to see a plan for tours in the Township.

Adamini would like to see a sledding hill in the Township.

12) Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn at 6:12pm

Wiegand Moved, LaRue Supported

Carried: Unanimously

**Next Scheduled Meeting is Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 5:30 PM*

Respectfully submitted by Springer and Wiegand