

**Marquette Township Recreation Committee**  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, May 16, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.  
Marquette Township Community Center

- 1) Meeting Called to Order @ 5:37 pm
- 2) Roll Call: Pete LaRue, Dave Wiegand, Todd Carruth, Mike Springer  
Absent: Dan Adamini (excused)  
Staff: Jason McCarthy, Planning and Zoning Administrator  
Izaak Peterson, Staff Planner

3) Public: none

4) Approval of Agenda:

***Motion: To approve the agenda***

***Wiegand, Moved  
Carruth, Supported***

***Carried: Unanimously***

5) Previous Meeting Minutes - April 18, 2017

***Motion: To approve the minutes of April 18, 2017***

***Carruth, Moved  
Wiegand, Supported***

***Carried: Unanimously***

6) Privileged Comment: none

7) Public Comment: none

8) Unfinished Business:

**Increased maintenance needs at Lions Recreation Area & Schwemwood**

The Recreation Committee's maintenance checklist for Lions Recreation Area was forwarded to Manager Girard. Wiegand will bring the recreation facilities maintenance issue to the Board.

**Spring Clean Up - May 20<sup>th</sup>**

Springer distributed a poster and showed four images he proposed to present during Board Public Comment. He provided a printout of a spreadsheet with what the Committee was asking Walmart Manager, Ross Rosenow, to provide. Carruth suggested to plan on 50 people. His group will bring pot luck, tables, chairs, and the grill.

Last year Lyn and Reggie Durant and the Cedar Motor Inn donated \$100 toward our annual clean up. Ms. Durant has offered an additional amount to cover the cost of a canopy.

McCarthy offered to open the building Saturday. Peterson will assist and photograph the event. LaRue will bring his trailer and tools. Wiegand will drop off his leaf blower. Carruth and Springer will shop for food at Walmart.

**2017 Lions Recreation Area Pathway & Schwemwood Park Projects**

McCarthy met with Lowes. They would like to assist by providing picnic tables. He provided contact information and asked Springer to set up a meeting.

**Grant funding applications for US 41 underpass 2017/2019**

McCarthy met with Northern Gas. They have offered to provide trail easement along their pipeline. This is a huge connection that was needed north of US41. Wiegand noted that the Board will be considering the AT&T easement tonight.

**Roads, Complete Streets, and a non-motorized transportation map**

McCarthy plans to get Peterson up to speed. There are only a few changes that need to be made. The Road and Recreation Committee's February 21 work session additions need to be included.

**Frisbee Golf Course at Schwemwood Park**

Springer's nephew, Jeremy Moran, is an avid disc golfer. He is willing to be part of planning a course at Schwemwood. Springer will get his contact info to Adamini.

**Consider Green Infrastructure Map**

McCarthy and Peterson will create another GIS layer for 'Green Infrastructure.' The resulting map will help in applying for State grants.

**Content of four signs at Schwemwood Park & the IOHRA trailhead plans**

McCarthy will be working towards installing sign content this summer.

**Warming Building Recognition Sign and Additional Signage at Lion's Pavilion**

LaRue and McCarthy will get together on this.

9) **New Business:**

**Recreation Plan Update**

McCarthy shared some ideas for the Committee to consider. One of our current plans Action Items is to establish a trailhead in our well head area. He envisions eight to ten parking spaces, kiosks with maps and trail etiquette information. He noted the \$10,000 donation from the Noquemanon Trail Network towards the underpass and would like to partner with them on trailhead planning.

Due to the amount of State of Michigan property in our Township, he sees an opportunity to work with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources on future grants.

Springer will get the Goals and Action Items of the current plan to the Committee for the next meeting.

McCarthy noted that many of our goals and objectives of the current plan have been accomplished.

LaRue questioned how the Township will deal with the electric eBike that have been banned from some parks. The Planning Commission addressed some of the issues with electric motorized vehicles in the Off Road Vehicles Ordinance.

10) **Information Items/Reports:**

**Board Report**

Wiegand reported that the ORV Ordinance will go to the Board tonight for a first reading. The second reading will be at their June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Planning Commission Report**

none

**Road Committee Report**

Wiegand reported that the bids went out to contractors on the twelfth of this month. The process will close on the 31st. and the Board will consider them at their June 6 meeting.

**Zoning and Planning Report**

Nothing further

- 11) Public Comment: none
- 12) Committee Member Comment: none
- 13) Adjournment

***Motion: To adjourn at 6:17: pm***

***LaRue, Moved  
Carruth, Supported***

***Carried: Unanimously***

*\*Next Scheduled Meeting is Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 5:30 PM*

*Respectfully submitted by Springer and Wiegand*