

Leelanau County Parks and Recreation Commission

Regular Session – Wednesday, May 3, 2023, 3:15 p.m.

Leelanau County Government Center, Suttons Bay, Michigan

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Parks & Recreation Commission

Regular Session, May 3, 2023

Proposed Motions, Fish Purchase:

I move to recommend to the County Board of Commissioners to approve the purchase of fish for the Veronica Valley Park Ponds from Laggis Fish Farms, Inc., of Gobles, Michigan, in an amount not to exceed \$7,332.00; funds to come from #101.850.756.727.000. Seconded by _____.

I move that the Parks and Recreation Commission approve the purchase of fish from the Lake Leelanau Lake Association's Kids' Fish Day Committee in the amount of \$500.00. Seconded by _____.

Proposed 2023 Fish Stocking for Veronica Valley County Park
Leelanau County Parks and Recreation Commission

2,000 hybrid bluegill (size 5-7") @ \$3.40 ea. Total = \$6,800

Shared shipping (with Lake Leelanau Lake Association)
204 miles @ \$5
\$1,064/2 = \$532

Total = \$532

Final cost = \$7,332

In 2022 the Leelanau County Park and Recreation Committee purchased 2,000 hybrid bluegill for a total cost of \$4,366.00. This proposal for this year reflects an increase of \$1.37 per fish for bluegill and an increase of just over \$2.21/loaded mile in the cost per loaded mile for shipping. The total increase in price from 2022 to 2023 for the Parks and Rec Commission is **\$2,966**- Laggis' Fish Farm in Gobles, Michigan, will once again be used to provide fish. Even with the cost of delivery, this private fish hatchery is the lowest cost option in the state for our needs (Harrietta Hills came in with a rate of \$3.70/per fish and only slightly less expensive delivery).

Laggis' Fish Farm has been slightly raising the cost of fish each year to keep up with ever rising costs of fish food- we see this same issue in the DNR hatcheries as well. In 2022 the fish farm elected to not raise the cost of fish to cover other economic demands to encourage people and groups to buy fish and resume these types of events post-pandemic. Between not raising the costs enough last year and the drastic changes in the economy, the costs for fish have increased substantially.

The 2023 stocking distribution would be as follows; 1,000 bluegill will be divided into the two Long Ponds, while 1,000 bluegill will be stocked into the Kids Pond. If the number of fish purchased were to be reduced, we should reduce the number of fish that go into the two Long Ponds.

The Lake Leelanau Association's Kids Fish Day Committee will contribute another 1,500 bluegill for the Kids Pond, ordered in conjunction with the Leelanau County Parks and Recreation Committee's fish so that both groups are able to save on shipping costs.

Contributions:

Lake Leelanau Association

\$532.00 (shipping)
\$5,100.00 (1,500 bluegill)

Leelanau County P&R

\$532.00 (shipping)
\$6,800.00 (2,000 bluegill)

\$5,632.00

Total 2023 fish stocking costs

\$7,332.00

Total 2023 fish stocking costs

Historic Veronica Valley Kids Fish Day Costs and Number of Fish Stocked 2005-Present

Year	Pond Name	Fish Species	Fish Size	Fish Number	Fish Cost	Contributor
2005	Kid's	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	500	\$875	Fish Day Committee
2006	Kid's	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	700	\$1,225	Fish Day Committee
2006	Kid's	Rainbow trout	10-12"	100	\$155	Fish Day Committee
2007	Kid's	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	762	\$1,334	Fish Day Committee
2007	Kid's	Rainbow trout	10-12"	150	\$233	Fish Day Committee
2007	Kid's	Largemouth bass	6-7"	150	\$300	Fish Day Committee
2008	Kid's	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	1300	\$1,885	Fish Day Committee
2008	Kid's	Rainbow trout	12-14"	25	\$50	Fish Day Committee
2009	Kid's	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	1,628	\$2,360	Fish Day Committee
2010	Kid's	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	1,000	\$1,450	MDNR
2010	Kid's	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	1,500	\$2,175	Fish Day Committee
2010	Kid's	Brown trout	14-20"	150	\$230	MDNR
2010	Kid's	Largemouth bass	6-7"	250	\$500	LCPR
2010	Long	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	1,000	\$1,450	LCPR
2010	Long	Largemouth bass	6-7"	150	\$300	LCPR
2011	Kid's	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	1,500	\$2,175	Fish Day Committee
2011	Kid's	Brown trout	10-16"	155	\$2,834	MDNR
2011	Kid's	Rainbow trout	15-18"	145	\$2,652	MDNR
2011	Kid's	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	1,000	\$1,450	LCPR
2011	Kid's	Largemouth bass	6-7"	250	\$500	LCPR
2011	Long	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	1,000	\$1,450	LCPR
2011	Long	Largemouth bass	6-7"	150	\$300	LCPR
2012	Kid's	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	1,500	\$1,935	Fish Day Committee
2012	Kid's	Brown trout	10-11"	160	\$2,926	MDNR

2012	Kid's	Rainbow trout		150	\$2,744	MDNR
2012	Kid's	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	1,000	\$1,290	LCPR
2012	Kid's	Largemouth bass	6-7"	250	\$325	LCPR
2012	Long	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	1,000	\$1,290	LCPR
2012	Long	Largemouth bass	6-7"	150	\$195	LCPR
2013	Kid's	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	1,500	\$2,085	Fish Day Committee
2013	Kid's	Brown trout	13-22"	149	\$2,725	MDNR
2013	Kid's	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	1,000	\$1,390	LCPR
2013	Long	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	500	\$695	LCPR
2013	Long	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	500	\$695	LCPR
2014	Kid's	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	1,500	\$2,385	Fish Day Committee
2014	Kid's	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	1,500	\$2,385	LCPR
2014	Long	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	250	\$398	LCPR
2014	Long	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	250	\$398	LCPR
2015	Kid's	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	1,500	\$2,433	Fish Day Committee
2015	Kid's	Brown trout	13"	145	\$2,652	MDNR
2015	Kid's	Brook trout	12"	155	\$2,834	USFWS
2015	Kid's	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	1,000	\$1,622	LCPR
2015	Long	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	500	\$811	LCPR
2015	Long	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	500	\$811	LCPR
2016	Kid's	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	1,500	\$2,482	Fish Day Committee
2016	Kid's	Brown trout	11-15"	155	\$2,834	MDNR
2016	Kid's	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	1,000	\$1,655	LCPR
2016	Long	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	500	\$827	LCPR
2016	Long	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	500	\$828	LCPR
2017	Kid's	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	1,500	\$2,758.50	Fish Day Committee
2017	Kid's	Brook trout	8-12"	67	\$1,226.00	MDNR
2017	Kid's	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	1,000	\$1,839	LCPR
2017	Long	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	500	\$919.50	LCPR
2017	Long	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	500	\$919.50	LCPR
2018	Kid's	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	1,500	\$2,814.00	Fish Day Committee
2018	Kid's	Various trout	10-18"	55	\$1,125.00	MDNR
2018	Kid's	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	1,000	\$1,876	LCPR
2018	Long	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	500	\$938.00	LCPR
2018	Long	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	500	\$938.00	LCPR
2019	Kid's	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	1,500	\$2,964.00	Fish Day Committee

2019	Kid's	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	1,000	\$1,976	LCPR
2019	Long	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	500	\$988.00	LCPR
2019	Long	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	500	\$988.00	LCPR
2020	Kid's	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	250	\$500.00	Fish Day Committee
2020	Kid's	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	1,000	\$1,996	LCPR
2020	Long	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	500	\$998.00	LCPR
2020	Long	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	500	\$998.00	LCPR
2021	Kid's	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	1,500	\$3,009	Fish Day Committee
2021	Kid's	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	1,000	\$3,009	LCPR
2021	Long	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	500	\$1,003	LCPR
2021	Long	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	500	\$1,003	LCPR
2022	Kid's	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	1,500	\$3,045	Fish Day Committee
2022	Kid's	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	1,000	\$2,030	LCPR
2022	Long	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	500	\$1,015	LCPR
2022	Long	Hybrid bluegill	5-7"	500	\$1,015	LCPR

* Red line after 2011 denotes a change in fish providers/ Heather Hettinger taking over the procurement of fish for the pond.

** Costs listed in the table are only for fish; does not include shipping charges.

LAGGIS' FISH FARM INC.

08988 - 35th Street

Gobles, Michigan 49055

Work (269) 628-2056 Days

Res. (269) 624-6215

Evenings till 9:00 PM/Michigan Time

Fax (269) 628-2056

April 30, 2023

Fish Order- Leelanau County Parks & Rec			
Hybrid Bluegill Size 5-7":	\$3.40 each	2,000 fish	\$6,800.00
Shipping:	204 Miles @ \$5.216/mi		\$1,064.00
		Split Ship 1/2	\$532.00
		Total :	\$7,332.00

Leelanau County Parks and Recreation Commission

Regular Session – Wednesday, April 5, 2023, 3:15 p.m.

Tentative Minutes – Meeting Recorded

Leelanau County Government Center, Suttons Bay, Michigan

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The meeting of the Leelanau County Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairman Casey Noonan at 3:17 p.m.

Chairman Noonan led the recitation of the “Pledge of Allegiance.”

Roll Call:
John Arens, *Absent*
Dave Barrons, *Vice-Chairman*
Steve Christensen
Don Frerichs
Charles Godbout
Melinda Lautner
Casey Noonan, *Chairman*
John Popa
Kama Ross, *Absent*
F. Jon Walter

Staff Present:
Laurel Evans, Executive Assistant
W. Scott Bradley, Maintenance Worker

Public Comment:
None.

Agenda Additions/Deletions:

Motion by Walter to approve the agenda, as submitted. Seconded by Barrons.

Discussion – None.

Ayes – 8 (Walter, Barrons, Christensen, Frerichs, Godbout, Lautner, Noonan, Popa)

No – 0 Absent – 2 (Arens, Ross)

Motion Passes.

Action Items –

Approval of Minutes, February 1, 2023, Regular Session:

Motion by Lautner to approve the Regular Session minutes of February 1, 2023, as submitted.

Seconded by Barrons.

Discussion – None.

Ayes – 8 (Barrons, Christensen, Frerichs, Godbout, Lautner, Noonan, Popa, Walter)

No – 0 Absent – 2 (Arens, Ross)

Motion Passes.

Approval of Minutes, March 1, 2023, Regular Session:

Motion by Barrons to approve the Regular Session minutes of March 1, 2023, as submitted.

Seconded by Walter.

Discussion – None.

Ayes – 8 (Barrons, Christensen, Frerichs, Godbout, Lautner, Noonan, Popa, Walter)

No – 0 Absent – 2 (Arens, Ross)

Motion Passes.

Approval of Financials:

- Transaction History Listing Report – March 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023
- Revenue & Expense Reports – Period Ending March 31, 2023

Bradley reported expenditures at 5.79% of budget.

Motion by Popa to approve the financials, as presented. Seconded by Barrons.

Discussion – Godbout requested that the financials be sent out ahead of the meetings.

Ayes – 8 (Barrons, Christensen, Frerichs, Godbout, Lautner, Noonan, Popa, Walter)

No – 0 Absent – 2 (Arens, Ross)

Motion Passes.

Poor Farm Barn Lease Clarification/Discussion:

Chairman Noonan introduced this topic as a follow-up from the March (2023) Parks meeting where clarification was needed from Corporate Counsel regarding the County's financial obligation to the Poor Farm Barn. Noonan directed the group to page 14 of the packet, which stated that the opinion from Counsel was that the County had no financial obligation to support the barn, except for taxes and insurance. Noonan added that the County could financially support the barn if it so chooses, but it has no obligation to do so. Noonan inquired if the intent of the Parks board was to ask for a line item in the budget for the Poor Farm Barn. Christensen responded that it was a discussion the Parks board needs to have. Barrons inquired if the issue belonged with the Myles Kimmerly Park Committee. Noonan responded that it would be a determination by the Parks Commission whether they wanted "to make the ask." Lautner said that, looking back at the history of the Poor Farm Barn, the County did not have extra money to spend on the barn, nor did the Parks Commission. She said she would hate to set precedent by asking for funding for the barn. She added that "we have a really great thing with that foundation [Leelanau County Historic Preservation Society (LCHPS)], and it is all being done with volunteering dollars." She said that if the Parks Commission used the barn for the parks, that would be different; but at present, "We are really hands off." Noonan said he was involved in the meeting with then-County Administrator Chet Janik and Christensen when the lease agreement was created, and it was his understanding that the objective was to remove the financial obligation from the County. He added that it does not mean the Parks Commission cannot ask for a special sum or use extra money from its budget. But he reiterated that there was never an intent to be a financial partner.

Christensen said he thought it premature to discuss finances when information from the architect was still outstanding. He thought better direction could be provided to Steve Stier (President, LCHPS) once the numbers from the architect came in. Christensen added that once they have a number "to chase" perhaps fundraising could begin, and the County could chip in once a certain amount was collected through donations. Chairman Noonan said the question from the March meeting has been clarified, which was "do we have to" (contribute) or "if it's a choice." Lautner added that it is sort of a "wait your turn" situation.

Lautner said the budget is already set for 2023, so whatever happens with the barn in 2023 would have to be done through fundraising by LCHPS. Frerichs mentioned that it would be nice if American Rescue Plan (ARP) dollars could be used for park projects. He added that the Poor Farm Barn lease is for 25 years, but it is still part of Myles Kimmerly Park. Stier commented that he does not believe the County does not have the money to support the parks. He said they just choose to spend it on other things. He added that he thought the parks were desperately underfunded.

Maple Valley Nursing Home Agreement to Grant License Update:

Chairman Noonan reminded the group that the lease agreement between the County and Maple Valley Nursing Home is due to expire in April (2023). Evans directed the group to Page 27 of the packet for the legal opinion of Corporate Counsel that contained a recommendation regarding the agreement to grant license. Evans said she sent a courtesy email to Nursing Home owner John Kasben to advise that whatever recommendation was made at today's Parks meeting, would be on the County Board's Executive Board agenda for Tuesday (April 11, 2023). She added that the agreement to grant license expires at the end of April (2023). Noonan clarified, that until formal action was taken to terminate the lease, the 30 days will keep renewing. Evans directed the group to Page 28 (Agreement to Grant License) of the packet pointing out that "this is what most concerns you." She read:

1. Grant of License. *Licensor (the County) grants to Licensee (the nursing home) the right to maintain, operate, repair, substitute, remove, enlarge, inspect, and replace sanitary sewer lines and drain field, together with all facilities and appurtenances, incidental to the sewage treatment system currently located on the Property.*

Evans explained that with the County Board-approved expenditure to engage Gosling Czubak Engineering Sciences, Inc., to create a conceptual plan for Myles Kimmerly Park that includes a paved loop trail that would run over the area where the drain field resides, the lease termination needs to be resolved to "get your ducks in a row." She added that they need to hear from Kasben regarding his timeline for installing a new, updated system.

Chairman Noonan said the Parks board has no intention of renewing the lease; however, the new drain field has yet to be installed, so he wants to get a timeline from Kasben and if he does not complete the drain field by the specified timeline, then the County (could) start charging him. Popa wanted to know the discussion between Evans and Kasben. Evans explained she talked with Kasben "this morning and he wanted to know if he could get on the (County Board) agenda regarding the septic system." Evans said she told Kasben the issue was already on that agenda and would also be discussed at today's Parks meeting, and if he wanted to attend the County Board meeting, it would begin at 9 a.m. (April 11). Popa thought Kasben should have an opportunity to be advised in person at a Parks meeting regarding the intention of the Parks board to recommend to the County Board not to renew the lease. Noonan explained that Kasben was advised "a year ago" by then-County Administrator Janik, that the lease expires in April and there is no interest by the County to renew it. Noonan added that there have been several years of reminding Kasben when the lease was up and that it would not be renewed.

Popa said he would like to hear “where Kasben is at” before the Parks Commission goes to the Board of Commissioners.

Lautner said she talked with Kasben about 18 months ago and he said he was aware of the lease expiration. He said he had plans to expand the nursing home and build a new septic system, but Covid put those plans on hold. She said he asked if he could get an extension, but she explained that there are plans for the property. Lautner said her recommendation would be to start the process because a delay might set unfair expectations that the issue could linger on. Popa said he still wanted to hear from Kasben about where he was at with building a new drain field. Chairman Noonan said it did not matter; that the County has been in contact for years and Kasben has given several different stories about his plans, but has done nothing. Noonan felt Kasben was hoping for an extension. Popa asked how long they would give Kasben to complete the new drain field. Noonan said six months; Bradley said until October 1st (2023). Discussion ensued regarding the wording for a recommendation and how much time should be granted to complete the drain field project

Chairman Noonan stated he wanted the motion to read, “I move to recommend to the County Board of Commissioners to revoke the license to Maple Valley Nursing Home of Maple City dated [...] for the nursing home sewage system located within the Myles Kimmerly Park property no later than [...]. Noonan wanted to strike, “and work with the nursing home to determine a date” because he said “we want to set the date.” Evans said the suggested motion was “just to get us through this meeting.” She said she would then send it to Counsel to come up with the correct wording for the County Board meeting.

Motion by Barrons to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to revoke the license to Maple Valley Nursing Home of Maple City, Incorporated, dated April 29, 2008, for the nursing home sewage system located within the Myles Kimmerly Park property and vacate the system no later than October 1, 2023. Seconded by Noonan.

Discussion – Popa reiterated he was not in favor of the motion because Kasben “was not here to defend it.” Godbout said, “I would like it to see the written specifics of the written notice of revocation because it needs to be in writing.”

Ayes – 7 (Barrons, Christensen, Frerichs, Godbout, Lautner, Noonan, Walter)

No – 1 (Popa) Absent – 2 (Arens, Ross)

Motion Passes.

Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Submission:

Evans noted a table she created on Page 35 of the packet that lists, in ascending order (low to high,) CIP submissions by the Parks and Recreation Commission. Not yet included on the list was the gazebo refurbishment at Old Settlers Park with an estimate of \$40,000.00 for the project. Christensen inquired if the projects and corresponding dollar figures in the table supersede projects previously submitted. Godbout explained that the table reflects a submittal of cashflow for the next five years – “a revision to what you had.” He added that if one of these projects lines up with an existing project that is already in the CIP, “you are essentially just revising that.” He added, if it is a new project, then it is a new cash flow.

With regard to priority of the projects, Lautner said she has been pushing hard for the paved loop trail at Myles Kimmerly Park using ARP dollars. She added that if ARP dollars became available, it would open the door for other projects on the list.

Motion by Godbout that the Parks and Recreation Commission endorses the submission of the [listed] CIP items to the Planning Department for inclusion in this year’s CIP. Seconded by Lautner.

Discussion – None.

Ayes – 8 (Barrons, Christensen, Frerichs, Godbout, Lautner, Noonan, Popa, Walter)

No – 0 Absent – 2 (Arens, Ross)

Motion Passes.

Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians 2% Allocation Program Update:

Evans said Veronica Valley Park is the only park that has expressed an interest in resubmitting an allocation request for the Tribal 2% Allocation money. Evans said she added this topic to the agenda to inquire if the other parks committees had any interest in submitting a request. Lautner asked if eradication of the poison ivy at Old Settlers Park might be of interest to the Tribe. Bradley responded the project could be covered under maintenance for a few thousand dollars and suggested Lautner talk with Laurel Voran to confirm. At Chairman Noonan’s request, Bradley said he would talk with Voran.

Committee Reports and Recommendations

Myles Kimmerly Park Committee – Frerichs reported that the County Board of Commissioners approved the \$4,700.00 for the update of the Myles Kimmerly Park conceptual plan. He added that the committee’s next meeting is April 27 (2023) at 9:00 a.m. and at that meeting the plan is to prioritize and firm up where they want to place things prior to meeting with Gosling. Frerichs was unsure if Gosling’s start date was April 1st or May 1st, but he said the start date may have to be “backed off.”

Old Settlers Park Committee – Godbout reported that his committee met yesterday and reviewed the projects in the 2020-2024 Park master plan. He said the gazebo refurbishment as well as a few other projects will be added to the plan and processed for addition into the CIP.

Lautner discussed the Lanham donation and that the family gave permission to use the donation to purchase a ladybug bouncer. In addition, as an “Old Settler” of Kasson Township, the Lanham family would like to construct a fieldstone memorial bench, in the garden area near the chapel (similar to the Binsfeld bench that is in the park) in memory of John and Nancy Lanham. If available, the Lanhams would like to commission the same artist who created the Binsfeld memorial bench. Lautner said all costs would be paid by the Lanham family and that the family would donate rocks from their farm to use in the construction of the bench. The bench design is not consistent with other (purchased) benches in the park, and so the Lanhams are requesting permission for an exception to the design.

Motion by Lautner that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend to the Board of Commissioners to allow the Lanham family to pay for and build a fieldstone bench in memory of John and Nancy Lanham [to be placed] in the chapel area of Old Settlers Park. Seconded by Noonan.

Discussion – Lautner added that the park would pick where the bench would be placed. Barrons inquired how many existing benches were in the park. Godbout said there are a number of wrought iron benches along the split rail fence. Chairman Noonan added that there was plenty of room for the Lanham memorial bench and that it would not overtake the park. Christensen inquired about who would manage the “nuts and bolts” of the project – insurance, bids, etc. Evans responded that (pending approval) the County Board Building & Grounds Committee would handle. Popa said that he supported the motion, but mentioned that he thought there was a standard set for benches in the parks. Evans said the County Board obtained an opinion from Counsel that there cannot be a formal donation policy and that each request will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, so the County Board would have the opportunity to decide how to approve. Noonan said he was in favor of a uniform bench design for the parks, but he said there should be room for exceptions if it fits the esthetics of the park. Though not against the Lanham memorial bench, Walter thought it wise to see a picture of the bench design. Lautner assured the group the design was in good taste and befitting of the park and that it would be similar to the design of the Binsfeld memorial bench.

Ayes – 8 (Barrons, Christensen, Frerichs, Godbout, Lautner, Noonan, Popa, Walter)

No – 0 Absent – 2 (Arens, Ross)

Motion Passes.

Veronica Valley Park – Barrons reported that Heather Hettinger, Fisheries Biologist with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, attended the Veronica Valley Park Committee meeting earlier today and that they had an extensive discussion on weeds management in the ponds. He said the committee decided to “pause” the contract with Savin Lake Services for chemical mitigation of pond weeds because Hettinger thought it would be more economical to self-manage the weeds and better to manage the invasive weeds through spot treatment versus spraying. He said Hettinger recommended going one more year without spraying to see how the weeds rebound, then make a decision next year (2024). He added that the committee plans to meet at the park on April 25 (2023) to discuss weed management in more depth. Barrons said they will continue to work with the Lake Leelanau Lake Association on invasive weeds mitigation and their concerns about Veronica Valley Park ponds being a possible source of invasive weed contamination.

Barrons reported that Al Zielinski, a friend of Don Clark, pulled out both beaver dams and Clark removed at least one beaver. Clark has said he thinks there is one more young beaver yet to be removed. Bradley reported that when he visited the park “last week,” water levels were normal and there were no new beaver dams.

Public Comment

Steve Stier, President, Leelanau County Historic Preservation Society (LCHPS). Stier said he was not surprised that the attorney said the County has no financial responsibility with regard to the Poor Farm Barn. He said he interprets the agreement differently, and will continue to interpret

it that way. He said his organization will continue to work with the architect because he felt the barn is a great amenity to the townships and county park system and that LCHPS will continue to move forward with or without funding assistance from the County.

Commissioner Comments:

None.

Chairperson Comments:

None.

Adjournment:

Chairman Noonan called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Walter to adjourn. Seconded by Christensen.

The meeting adjourned to the call of Chairman Noonan at 4:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Lori Eubanks, Recording Secretary

REVENUE & EXPENSE REPORT - CURRENT

Fund 101 General Fund

County of Leelanau

Department 850756 Parks & Recreation

Period Ending Date: April 30, 2023

Account Number	Month-to-date Actual	Current Year-to-date Actual	Current Year Total Amended Budget	Percentage Spent/Received
Account Name				
Fund 101 General Fund				
Fiscal Year 2023				
Expenses				
850756-702.000 Overtime	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00%
850756-703.000 Salaries	0.00	0.00	35,254.00	0.00%
850756-703.001 Temporary Office Assistant	383.12	1,621.32	2,000.00	81.07%
850756-703.006 Salaries -non-work holiday	0.00	0.00	568.00	0.00%
850756-704.000 Per Diem	160.00	560.00	2,800.00	20.00%
850756-717.000 Social Security	50.98	192.32	3,184.00	6.04%
850756-718.000 Hospitalization	1,782.50	3,565.00	7,130.00	50.00%
850756-719.000 Retirement	0.00	304.86	2,107.00	14.47%
850756-720.000 Life Insurance/Disability	0.00	0.00	579.00	0.00%
850756-727.000 Office/Operating Supplies	0.00	100.00	9,500.00	1.05%
850756-742.000 Uniforms	0.00	0.00	400.00	0.00%
850756-743.000 Gas/Oil	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00%
850756-775.000 Repair and Maintenance	179.22	4,862.70	30,000.00	16.21%
850756-801.000 Contractual Services	32.51	442.18	18,000.00	2.46%
850756-807.000 Membership Dues and Fees	0.00	646.80	100.00	646.80%
850756-850.000 Telephone	52.03	209.20	400.00	52.30%
850756-850.001 Telephone - Cell phone	0.00	0.00	294.00	0.00%
850756-860.000 Travel	0.00	0.00	70.00	0.00%
850756-860.001 Taxable Travel	123.14	343.24	1,500.00	22.88%
850756-900.000 Printing and Publishing	0.00	89.65	1,200.00	7.47%
850756-920.000 Utilities (Light-Oil)	29.00	821.36	4,000.00	20.53%
850756-940.000 Rental	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00%
850756-942.000 Copy Machine Charges (Rental)	0.00	0.00	30.00	0.00%
850756-970.000 Capital Outlay	0.00	0.00	55,000.00	0.00%
850756-970.010 Capital Outlay under \$5,000.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	0.00%
Expenses Total	2,792.50	13,758.63	183,616.00	7.49%
	2,792.50	13,758.63	183,616.00	7.49%
Expenses Fund Total	2,792.50	13,758.63	183,616.00	7.49%

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County of Leelanau

Account Balance Transactions
Date Range: April 1, 2023 Thru April 30, 2023

Fund: 101 General Fund
Department: 850756 Parks & Recreation

Date	SRC	Batch	Operator	Ref #	Description	Debits	Credits		
Account: 850756-703.001 Temporary Office Assistant						Dept: Parks & Recreation			
						Beginning Balance : 1,238.20			
4/27/2023	PR	24282	CLH	04/21/23	REGULAR WAGES	383.12			
Total Temporary Office Assistant Transactions for April:						383.12	0.00		
Period Temporary Office Assistant Totals						383.12	0.00		
Year-To-Date Temporary Office Assistant Totals						1,621.32	0.00		
Appropriations -		Current Expenditures =		Unexpended Balance -		Current Encumbrance =		Unencumbered Balance	
2,000.00		1,621.32		378.68		0.00		378.68	

Date	SRC	Batch	Operator	Ref #	Description	Debits	Credits		
Account: 850756-704.000 Per Diem						Dept: Parks & Recreation			
						Beginning Balance : 400.00			
4/13/2023	PR	24246	CLH	04/07/23	PER DIEM	80.00			
4/27/2023	PR	24282	CLH	04/21/23	PER DIEM	80.00			
Total Per Diem Transactions for April:						160.00	0.00		
Period Per Diem Totals						160.00	0.00		
Year-To-Date Per Diem Totals						560.00	0.00		
Appropriations -		Current Expenditures =		Unexpended Balance -		Current Encumbrance =		Unencumbered Balance	
2,800.00		560.00		2,240.00		0.00		2,240.00	

Date	SRC	Batch	Operator	Ref #	Description	Debits	Credits
Account: 850756-717.000 Social Security						Dept: Parks & Recreation	
						Beginning Balance : 141.34	
4/13/2023	PR	24246	CLH	04/07/23	FICA	8.21	
4/13/2023	PR	24246	CLH	04/07/23	MEDICARE	1.92	
4/27/2023	PR	24282	CLH	04/21/23	FICA	33.10	
4/27/2023	PR	24282	CLH	04/21/23	MEDICARE	7.75	
Total Social Security Transactions for April:						50.98	0.00

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Department: 850756 Parks & Recreation

Date	SRC	Batch	Operator	Ref #	Description	Debits	Credits
Period Social Security Totals						50.98	0.00
Year-To-Date Social Security Totals						192.32	0.00
Appropriations - Current Expenditures = Unexpended Balance - Current Encumbrance = Unencumbered Balance							
						3,184.00	192.32
						2,991.68	0.00
							2,991.68

Account: 850756-718.000 Hospitalization Dept: Parks & Recreation

Beginning Balance :						1,782.50	
4/1/2023	JE	24275	CMK	JE#10381	Insurance Charges	1,782.50	
Total Hospitalization Transactions for April:						1,782.50	0.00
Period Hospitalization Totals						1,782.50	0.00
Year-To-Date Hospitalization Totals						3,565.00	0.00
Appropriations - Current Expenditures = Unexpended Balance - Current Encumbrance = Unencumbered Balance							
						7,130.00	3,565.00
						3,565.00	0.00
							3,565.00

Account: 850756-775.000 Repair and Maintenance Dept: Parks & Recreation

Date	SRC	Batch	Operator	Ref #	Description	Debits	Credits
Beginning Balance :						4,683.48	
4/10/2023	AP	24258	CMK	20230410	SITEONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY, LLC	179.22	
Total Repair and Maintenance Transactions for April:						179.22	0.00
Period Repair and Maintenance Totals						179.22	0.00
Year-To-Date Repair and Maintenance Totals						4,862.70	0.00
Appropriations - Current Expenditures = Unexpended Balance - Current Encumbrance = Unencumbered Balance							
						30,000.00	4,862.70
						25,137.30	0.00
							25,137.30

Account: 850756-801.000 Contractual Services Dept: Parks & Recreation

Date	SRC	Batch	Operator	Ref #	Description	Debits	Credits
Beginning Balance :						409.67	
4/1/2023	AP	24237	CMK	20230331	GFL ENVIRONMENTAL	32.51	

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Fund: 101 General Fund
Department: 850756 Parks & Recreation

Date	SRC	Batch	Operator	Ref #	Description	Debits	Credits
Total Contractual Services Transactions for April:						32.51	0.00
Period Contractual Services Totals						32.51	0.00
Year-To-Date Contractual Services Totals						442.18	0.00
		Appropriations -	Current Expenditures =	Unexpended Balance -	Current Encumbrance =	Unencumbered Balance	
		18,000.00	442.18	17,557.82	0.00	17,557.82	

Account: 850756-850.000 Telephone Dept: Parks & Recreation

Beginning Balance :						157.17	
4/13/2023	AP	24273	CMK	20230413	BRIGHTSPEED	52.03	
Total Telephone Transactions for April:						52.03	0.00
Period Telephone Totals						52.03	0.00
Year-To-Date Telephone Totals						209.20	0.00
		Appropriations -	Current Expenditures =	Unexpended Balance -	Current Encumbrance =	Unencumbered Balance	
		400.00	209.20	190.80	0.00	190.80	

Account: 850756-860.001 Taxable Travel Dept: Parks & Recreation

Date	SRC	Batch	Operator	Ref #	Description	Debits	Credits
Beginning Balance :						220.10	
4/13/2023	PR	24246	CLH	04/07/23	TAXABLE TRAVEL	52.40	
4/27/2023	PR	24282	CLH	04/21/23	TAXABLE TRAVEL	70.74	
Total Taxable Travel Transactions for April:						123.14	0.00
Period Taxable Travel Totals						123.14	0.00
Year-To-Date Taxable Travel Totals						343.24	0.00
		Appropriations -	Current Expenditures =	Unexpended Balance -	Current Encumbrance =	Unencumbered Balance	
		1,500.00	343.24	1,156.76	0.00	1,156.76	

Account: 850756-920.000 Utilities (Light-Oil) Dept: Parks & Recreation

Date	SRC	Batch	Operator	Ref #	Description	Debits	Credits
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Fund: 101 General Fund
Department: 850756 Parks & Recreation

Date	SRC	Batch	Operator	Ref #	Description	Debits	Credits
Beginning Balance :						792.36	
4/19/2023	AP	24273	CMK	20230419	CHERRYLAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIV	29.00	
Total Utilities (Light-Oil) Transactions for April:						29.00	0.00
Period Utilities (Light-Oil) Totals						29.00	0.00
Year-To-Date Utilities (Light-Oil) Totals						821.36	0.00
		Appropriations -	Current Expenditures =		Unexpended Balance -	Current Encumbrance =	Unencumbered Balance
		4,000.00	821.36		3,178.64	0.00	3,178.64
Grand Totals						12,617.32	0.00

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Operator: CLH



Michigan monkey-flower preservation, native restoration & horticultural services

MICHIGAN MONKEY-FLOWER PRESERVATION at OLD SETTLERS' PARK: 2023

MICHIGAN MONKEY-FLOWER OVERVIEW:

- An endangered species, known to grow only in the Grand Traverse region and straits of Mackinac: only 21 documented occurrences
- Scientific name: *Mimulus michiganensis* (synonym: *Erythranthe michiganensis*)
- Endemic to this region, growing best in the unique environment such as is found along portions of the Big Glen Lake shoreline: mucky soil of stream edges, alkaline environment (pH 7.66 – 8.21) and cold (47 – 62 ° F) flowing water.
- Semi-aquatic, herbaceous, perennial, yet evergreen! (See photos)
- Habit: Stems to approx. 15”, trailing horizontally, rooting in at each leaf node to form low mats of plant colonies.
- Flowers: Bright yellow, resembling snapdragons, heaviest bloom from mid –June thru late July
- Several scholarly professional references site the colonies at Glen Lake as some of the largest and healthiest populations. The vigor of our population is due to the fact that we have the perfect environment for it and are actively caring for it, managing competition.
- Threats: development, encroaching species, changes in hydrology.
- Educational video about Michigan Monkey Flower, produced by local videographer, is available on line at <https://naturechange.org/2021/12/15/hope-for-michigans-most-endangered-flower/>
- In-depth information at Michigan Natural Features Inventory: <https://mnfi.anr.msu.edu/species/description/14943/Mimulus-michiganensis>

STATUS UPDATE FOR OLD SETTLERS' MONKEY-FLOWER:

- Continuing to thrive and expand in all the seeps at base of overlook, due to our continued active management plan managing competing vegetation.
- Visitors continue to show interest in the Monkey flower and interpretive sign still in very good condition after 6 years.
- Transplants moved in 2021, at seep closest to steps, have grown rapidly, see photos below.



PROPOSAL FOR 2023

Continuation of Michigan monkey flower preservation at Old Settlers' Park: Maintain current populations, always looking for and opening up new areas appropriate for transplants.

PROPOSED ROJECT FUNDING AND BUDGET FOR 2023:

Continued unique partnership between county, neighbors, a lake association and a local business:

\$1,440.00 contributed by neighbors and Laurel Voran LLC. (\$480 each entity)

\$1000 contributed by Glen Lake Association

\$960.00 contributed by Leelanau County

WORK PERFORMED:

- Manage competing plants: Jewel weed, watercress, Canada thistle, mint, forget-me-not, various grasses.
- Seasonal cutbacks of surrounding area, enhancing view from viewing platform
- Haul debris off-site
- Answer questions from visitors regarding monkey flower
- Monitor for damage/disease and respond appropriately

Without our help, the monkey flower would be quickly lost, overwhelmed by more rapidly growing vegetation. With our help this rare plant has made a great recovery at Old Settlers' park and continues to expand. It's important that we continue to protect it and it's environment, keeping this ecosystem intact and allowing future generations to learn about and admire this endangered species.

Thank you for considering continued support of this important project.

Laurel Voran

Emma Stafford

5.3.23



Looking forward to July!

Regarding the paving bid from Elmer’s for the walking trail at Myles Kimmerly Park, Robbins commented that the black dirt from digging the trail is valuable and estimated it could be worth \$40,000, which could defray the paving cost from Elmer’s. Robbins said he would talk with Elmer’s about this proposal.

Frerichs discussed the bid for the five-year plan for Myles Kimmerly Park. He said the Committee was torn about spending \$4,700.00 to “tell us what we already know.” He said perhaps the \$800.00 left in the budget could be used to defray the cost. Frerichs invited the group’s thoughts. Chairman Noonan suggested conducting a committee meeting first to determine what the committee wants to pursue. Barrons added that from a committee level, it is nice to hear from the full Parks group. Godbout inquired when the last master plan for the parks was created. Frerichs responded, 2020 to 2024. In that case, Godbout said they would be looking at a revision or review in 2024. Robbins suggested engaging a college intern from Parks and Recreation to come up with park plan. Godbout stated that he assumed that the existing plan contains action items. He said each action item needs prioritization and a cost analysis in preparation for submission to the budget. He encouraged the use of the CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) process to get projects considered in the budget. Frerichs said he did not feel an intern would have the experience that the Gosling Czubak firm offers. Barrons added he felt the Committee was capable of outlining a plan and added that he “was not sure if an outside voice was worth \$4,700.00.” Frerichs said he will address the issue with the committee then come back and update the full Commission.

Old Settlers Park Committee:

Lanham Donation – Chairman Noonan said that Lautner was spearheading this item and thought it should be tabled in her absence. He said he would will follow up with Lautner.

Proposed Celebration of Life (Schilling), July 23, 2023.

Ms. Moore (under William Harris and son via Zoom) – Evans advised that the family changed the date of the celebration of life for Barbara Whiteside Schilling to July 9, 2023. After a brief discussion, concurrence by the Parks Commission to allow the temporary installation of two, 10’ x 10’ pop-up canopies. Evans reminded Ms. Moore that the park does not close to the public so it is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Chairman Noonan said the family “has our blessing” to go ahead with the memorial celebration.

Budget Request Update (Dock Sections).

Evans advised the group that Christensen requested this topic to be added to the agenda; however, he was not present for the discussion. Evans said the need for new/repair of dock sections was questioned at the County Board’s Executive Board meeting and the response from someone (Evans did not remember who) was that they were not sure why it was in the budget. She thought Lautner would know more about the discussion. Bradley said he was “baffled” by the request because the dock sections were in good shape; however, he said the dock stairs and approach could use some attention. Chairman Noonan said he mentioned the dock as a potential budget item and that the request could be revised. He said he will add the item in the

From: [Robert Johnson](#)
To: [Laurel Evans](#)
Subject: Re: 2023 Concert - GLCRC
Date: Friday, April 21, 2023 1:01:13 PM

Laurel,

Would you please look at Saturday July 15th as well as a possible date. I should be able to let you know before your meeting our preferred date.

Thank you,
Robert Johnson

From: Laurel Evans <levans@leelanau.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 2:23 PM
To: 'Casey Noonan (NoonanC8@gmail.com)' <NoonanC8@gmail.com>; 'Dave Barrons (davebarrons@gmail.com)' <davebarrons@gmail.com>; Steve Christensen <schristensen@leelanau.gov>
Cc: Ty Wessell <twessell@leelanau.gov>; robtjohnson7348@hotmail.com <robtjohnson7348@hotmail.com>
Subject: 2023 Concert - GLCRC

Gentlemen:

I will add this to the May 3 Parks Commission agenda for review/approval.

Laurel S. Evans

Executive Assistant

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From: Robert Johnson <robtjohnson7348@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 9:20 AM
To: Laurel Evans <levans@leelanau.gov>
Cc: Ty Wessell <twessell@leelanau.gov>; Casey Noonan <NoonanC8@gmail.com>; 'Dave Barrons (davebarrons@gmail.com)' <davebarrons@gmail.com>
Subject: 2023 Concert

Laurel,

The Glen Lake Community Church Men's Group is again planning to host a concert either July 8 or July 14, 2023 at the Old Settlers Campground. Could you please advise if either or both dates are currently available and if so, send me the forms necessary for us to complete to begin the process of contracting with the County for this event. We will finalize our date as soon as we hear back from you.

Robert Johnson
Glen Lake Community Church

4. Fiscal Data: Amount Requested: \$ 22,000 Percent: 43 %
 Local Leveraging: \$ 30,200 Percent: 57 %
 (Match)
 Total Budget: \$ 50,200 Percent: 100 %
5. Target Population: _____ Children _____ Adults _____ Elders
 (Indicate the _____ ALL Total GTB member Community _____
All Others number of GTB _____
 members)
6. Counties Impacted: _____ Antrim _____ Benzie _____ Charlevoix
 _____ Grand Traverse X _____ Leelanau _____ Manistee
7. Brief Description (purpose of funding); include statement of need:

The Leelanau County Parks and Recreation Commission acquired Veronica Valley Park in December 2008 from a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant award, along with the help from Rotary Charities and Leelanau County. This parcel is located in Bingham Township at the junction of Maple Valley Road and County Road 641, approximately four (4) miles southwest of Suttons Bay and four (4) miles south of the Village of Lake Leelanau in the east central area of the County. The Park is approximately one-half mile from Lake Leelanau and 12 miles from the City of Traverse City.

The Veronica Valley Park property was formerly a family operated, nine-hole golf course not in use for several years. The site is characterized by gently rolling hills, open space, wetlands, and forested wetlands that include dense stands of white cedar. The property has three bridges and six ponds. Mebert Creek, a designated trout stream, also winds approximately 2,268 feet through the site. The forested and agrarian views will make this site a peaceful retreat for the passive recreation user.

The Leelanau County Parks and Recreation requests funds from the Grand Traverse Band to support park improvements at Veronica Valley, including the removal of invasive autumn olive, Spotted knapweed, and glossy buckthorn. YouthWork Conservation Corps will partner with City Girls Farm to utilize a small goat herd to perform Conservation Browsing. Conservation browsing places goats in small mobile paddocks using electrified fencing to contain them. Goats are natural browsers and not grazers, and they actually prefer to eat at those species at eye level and then move down. Preferred species include – autumn olive, spotted knapweed, poison ivy/oak, multiflora rose, honeysuckle, buckthorn, wild grape, gooseberry, chicory, red clover, and ragweed. In addition, YouthWork will continue cut stump and herbicide treatment of invasive species in areas that are not appropriate for goat browsing.

Autumn olive can produce up to 200,000 seeds each year, and can spread over a variety of habitats as its nitrogen-fixing root nodules allows the plant to grow in even the most unfavorable soils. Autumn olive also impacts song birds that eat the berries and do not receive the nutrition they need in-order to migrate south in fall and winter. Buckthorn has a shallow root system that outcompetes native plants for moisture and nutrients, while contributing to erosion and ecological imbalance. Its leafy crown deprives other plants of sunlight and serves as a host for rust fungus and soybean aphids that impact other plants. In addition to this buckthorn releases Emodin into waterways, a poisonous chemical compound produced by the leaves, fruit, and bark of invasive buckthorn, peaks with the breeding activities of several early-

breeding Midwestern amphibian species and naturally poisons soil and water for developing frogs and salamanders, as well as many plants. Buckthorn does not provide safe nesting habitat or ample migratory food for warblers, gnatcatchers, or vireos. Unlike native nut or berry trees, shrubs, or vines, buckthorn clings to berries that most animals do not like to consume. Leelanau County P&R will partner with YouthWork Conservation Corps to provide crews who will work at Veronica Valley for period of 4 weeks in the summer of 2020.

Based on FDR's Depression-era New Deal Civilian Conservation Corps, Child and Family Services' (CFS) YouthWork Program (YW) provides direct access for an underserved and diverse population of young people, especially targeting those who are low-income or disadvantaged youth. These youth are defined as living in a community of persistent poverty, or being in the foster care system, developmentally disabled or delayed, academically at-risk, returning veterans, or having documented behavioral issues such as court involvement. Disadvantaged youth in Michigan struggle to attain educational goals, are too often involved in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems, have limited access to physical and mental health care, abuse substances at high levels, and die by suicide at alarming rates.

The youth served by CFS and our partners are more vulnerable to bullying, mental health challenges, homelessness, conflict, and stress from peer pressures and academic expectations. Family stresses and instability only compounds these vulnerabilities. In our state, and in northern Michigan in particular, there is a critical lack of services available to help this population reach self-sufficiency and maintain a healthy lifestyle. The rural isolation of much of our service area further limits access to the helping resources that are available. When job training, service opportunities, mentorship, and independent living skills education is available to our teens, their chances for success in school and beyond are dramatically improved.

The youth in our state need help achieving self-sufficiency and economic stability. 481,421 children and adolescents under age 17 (or 22%) live below the poverty threshold in our state. In 2016, 65% of Michigan youth ages 16-19 were unemployed or not in the labor force. Nearly half (45.8%) of the students in our state are eligible for free or reduced lunch (families' income below 185% of poverty level). Our regional McKinney-Vento Consortium counted 1,097 homeless students in the five-county area surrounding our Traverse City office last year (Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Manistee, Kalkaska, and Leelanau Counties). When our teens are forced into survival mode – figuring out where they will sleep, what they will eat, and how they will meet their basic needs – as many of our youth do, it isn't possible for them to fully concentrate on their studies or future goals.

Many youth we serve are dealing with family instability or dysfunctional family units, which often involve domestic violence and abuse. More than 745,000 Michigan children ages 0-17 (about one-third) live in a one-parent household. 248,401 children in Michigan live with families where an investigation of alleged child abuse or neglect occurred in 2016 and more than 39,000 cases were confirmed. Approximately 12,000 children were in foster care in Michigan in 2015 after being removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect, and 1,680 (14%) were youth ages 16-20 (Data Center Kids Count).

Our youth also struggle with mental health challenges and need help staying safe from suicide. Nearly 422,000 children in Michigan have one or more emotional, behavioral, or developmental condition (Data Center Kids Count). The 2015 Youth Risk Behavior Survey shows that 31.7% of our students felt so sad or hopeless almost every day for two or more weeks in a row that they stopped doing some usual activities, almost 15% seriously considered suicide, 11.9% made a plan to take their own life, and 9.2% actually attempted suicide (www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/data/yrbs/pdf/2015/ss6506_updated.pdf).

YouthWork will create jobs for young adults that will help them: gain an appreciation for their

community and the natural world; learn important, lifelong job and independent living skills; bond with other youth and caring adults; and earn a paycheck and educational awards, all in a socially and emotionally supportive environment. Our youth will build their skill level and strengths, and will improve their level of self-efficacy, self-esteem, and sense of community as they realize that their work will have a lasting benefit for their communities - from planting trees to building boardwalks in sensitive areas, from wildlife conservation to helping preserve historic buildings. YouthWork members will be organized into consistent teams of 3-6 youth supervised by a qualified, adult Team Leader. The program will utilize a model that includes an opportunity for youth to have a voice in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of projects - successfully fusing action, education, evaluation, and reflection.

This question only pertains to Indian Education Programs of Public School Systems. If you are not an Indian Education Program of a Public School system, skip to question 9.

(a) **Program formula: (1) \$5,000, up to \$10,000 per school district + (\$1,000, up to \$1,500 x # of GTB member students) = allocation. The increase to the formula will be determined by the previous timely 2% report received, and the data provided within the report on the success of the school's Indian Education Program as a result of the 2% allocation.**

Please note: 1) In completing this section, only provide the student numbers of currently enrolled GTB members; do not include the general Native American data of your school system; and 2) there will be a cap of \$100,000, up to \$125,000 per school, based on the school's GTB membership count and data provided within the 2% report received from the previous year.

(b) Recommendation from Parent Committee: _____ YES _____ NO

Please have the Parent Committee sign the attached Certification Form.

(c) Describe parent involvement in project: _

(d) Does the school receive Title VII Indian Education Funds? _____ YES _____ NO If yes, how much: _____

8. What are the start and completion dates of the proposed project? Start 8/1/2023
Completion 12/31/2023

9. Has applicant received prior awards through the Tribe's 2% funding allocation?
X YES _____ NO. If yes, please list the start and end dates and amount:

6/1/20 – 9/30/20 \$12,000 YouthWork Conservation Corps

10. Is the proposed project new X _____ or a continuation project X _____?

If this is a continuation project, please explain why there is a need to continue funding:

This project continues the work YouthWork began in 2020, but with the addition of a new component utilizing goats for conservation browsing.

11. If the previous project has been completed, did you submit your 2% report? X YES
 NO. **The 2% report must be submitted one year from the date you received your 2% award. If your report has not been submitted, your current application will not be considered! 2% Reports are mandatory for future grant considerations. Mail your 2% report to: Attn: 2% Reports; GTB, 2605 N.W. Bay Shore Drive, Peshawbestown, MI 49682.**

12. Impact of Gaming on local program: (e.g., increase in student population, resulting from increase in Tribal employment or increase in emergency services to Casino patrons).

Gaming in the Grand Traverse region impacts the demand for services to vulnerable youth in two major ways. First, casinos and gaming increase tourism and employment opportunities, which contributes significantly to the steady population increase we have experienced over the past decade. The Native American population is also growing, likely initiated by the construction of additional housing for Grand Traverse Band members and casino employees, and the increased availability of jobs in the area. With more families and individuals visiting, living, and working in our community, there is a natural and corresponding increase in the need for services which support our youth.

For a certain part of the growing population, gaming can become a problem behavior. A 2013 study in Michigan found that 3,917 adults in the six-county region struggle with a gaming addiction (MI Department of Community Health). Some complications of pathological gambling include: drug or alcohol abuse; depression; anxiety; financial, social, and legal problems; heart attacks from the stress and excitement of gaming; and suicide attempts (National Institutes of Health). Getting the right treatment can help prevent and/or treat many of these complications.

The activities completed by YWCC have proved to teach youth important values and help them develop positive personality, behavioral, and emotional characteristics (Waters and Bortree, Building a better workplace for teen volunteers through inclusive behaviors, 2010).

Volunteering and providing valuable community services has a positive impact on youth and young adults. Youth who volunteer at least one hour each week are 50% less likely to abuse alcohol, smoke cigarettes, become pregnant, or engage in other adverse behaviors. Teens say they learn respect, kindness, a better understanding of people who are different, and patience from volunteering. Youth who volunteer are also more likely to do well in school, to graduate, and to vote. These youth are also more likely to volunteer, to have a stronger work ethic, and to give to charitable causes as adults when compared to their peers who do not volunteer (University of Nevada, Young Volunteers: The Benefits of Community Service, www.unce.unr.edu/publications/files/cd/2003/fs0323.pdf).

13. How will the success of the project be assessed (evaluation plan)?

The program will be evaluated in a variety of ways. Student attendance and punctuality, work ethic, attitude and behavior while on the job will all be measured against performance prior to their participation in the program. If participants are pursuing summer school credit or credit recovery, they will be assessed on the successful completion of any required schoolwork, grades, and GPA. Each participant will complete a pre- and post- program evaluation of themselves as it relates to their self-esteem, core knowledge in the subject area and vision of their future. The program will be evaluated on each student's successful completion of the programs offered certifications. Members will also be evaluated on other performance measures as mandated by The Corps Network. YouthWork assesses the YouthWork participants in the following ways:

Participation Rate. Ensure that at least 80% of Corpsmembers participate in activities that lead to and/or facilitate overall youth development and successful labor market transition.

Entered Employment or Post -Secondary Education. Place at least 60% in employment in high growth industries or in continued education in the first quarter after program completion.

Post-Program Retention. Provide post-program support to ensure that at least 75% of those employed in the first quarter after program exit are still employed in the third quarter after program exit.

14. If new staff is required, will preference be given to Native American applicants?

YES NO

15. Budget: Please attach a one-page itemization of the planned budget. Include explanation for each category of the budget. Note: **A final report on expenditure of funds and project results will be due to the Tribal Council 30 days after project completion.**

BEFORE YOU MAIL, PLEASE REMEMBER TO:

- 1) Execute authorized signature
- 2) Attach 1-page budget
- 3) Submit **before the deadline from the cover letter you received**

YouthWork Program – Leelanau County Budget Detail

Funding Sources:

1. Current 2% Request from Grand Traverse Band

YouthWork Team Wages, Training, Certifications, PPE \$14,000

Equipment rentals and materials \$8,000

GTB 2% Request Total: **\$22,000**

2. YouthWork and Other Match

A. YouthWorkMatch Total: \$20,000

*Youth Corps Team Training, Certifications
Wages and Fringes*

*Supervision, Coordination, Administration
Transportation*

Uniforms and PPE

B. Americorps Match -Education Awards \$5,200

Match Total **\$25,200**

3. In-kind Donations from Area Professionals and Educators

Informal Trainings, Mentorship, & Job Shadowing \$2,000

Access to Post-Secondary Educational Opportunities \$1,000

In-Kind Total **\$3,000**

PROGRAM EXPENSE TOTAL: **\$50,200**