

Leelanau County Parks and Recreation Commission
Veronica Valley Park Committee
Wednesday, May 19, 2021 – 1:30 p.m.
Leelanau County Government Center, Suttons Bay, Michigan
Tentative Minutes – Meeting Recorded
<https://www.leelanau.gov/meetingdetails.asp?MAId=2137>

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Dave Barrons at 1:39 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was dispensed with by Committee Chairman Barrons.

Roll Call: Dave Barrons, *Committee Chairman*
Steve Christensen
John Popa, *absent*
F. Jon Walter

Guest present.

Public Comment:
None.

Approval of Agenda and Late Additions/Deletions:

Committee Chairman Barrons asked to move up Agenda Item #4, capital outlay budget items for 2022, as #2. Christensen asked can we discuss 2021 as well? Barrons affirmed.

Motion by Barrons to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Christensen.

Discussion – none.

Ayes – 3 (Barrons, Christensen, Walter)

No – 0 Absent – 1 (Popa)

MOTION PASSES.

Public Comment:

Clerk stated the number to call in (231-256-8109); no public comment received.

Action Items –

Approval of Minutes – April 15, 2021, Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Barrons to approve the April 15, 2021, minutes as presented. Seconded by Walter.

Discussion – none.

Aye – 3 (Barrons, Christensen, Walter)

No – 0 Absent – 1 (Popa)

MOTION PASSES.

Proposed Capital Expenditures for 2022:

Committee Chairman Barrons said Popa had submitted a list of items (https://www.leelanau.gov/downloads/vvpc_handout_05192021.pdf) including a “safety walk” around the old putting green, at an estimated cost of \$15,000.00. Discussion followed on the design, potential funding, and whether some of the funding could come out of 2021 capital

outlay. Christensen commented on the process of seeking RFPs. He added this project is a worthy candidate for this year.

Committee Chairman Barrons asked Bradley, should something be done this year before pushing the access? Bradley responded not at a great cost. Christensen remarked that the Port-a-Potty situation is adequate, and we had discussed upgrading the Port-a-Potties. Can we prepare an RFP on maybe two or three? Barrons also asked, if we put them on an actual cement pad, wouldn't we want this at a location to avoid the plow path? Christensen asked is there something we could do that would make sense? Bradley said it is hard to say until we have the parking lot done. Discussion ensued on the parking lot.

Christensen questioned where are we at with the parking lot design. Committee Chairman Barrons responded that Popa's next item (parking lot upgrade) for consideration today, is estimated at \$61,000.00 to \$70,000.00. Walter said he felt the estimate was high. We defined a base grade of gravel and two (layers) of asphalt. That would coincide with the asphalt on the approach, which needs to be of a commercial density, with a six-inch gravel base. He thought that was expensive. Barrons asked Walter, is the estimate from a friend, or did Popa calculate that; do we put that into next year's budget? Christensen responded the numbers are important to the discussion on how the budget cycle goes. Something of that size, we would put in as an addendum to our budget and ask the County Board to fund in full. Barrons concurred.

Discussion followed on the Capital Improvement Plan and how it relates to budget. Christensen to follow up with Planning/Community Development Director Trudy Galla, who prepares the CIP.

Motion by Barrons to recommend to County Parks and Recreation Commission that we add the Veronica Valley Park parking lot improvements into the CIP (Capital Improvement Plan), and request the County Board of Commissioners to fund the full proposed project at a cost not to exceed \$70,000.00, for 2022. Seconded by Christensen.

Discussion – Clerk suggested consideration of putting a percentage of the parks budget towards the project; discussion ensued. Committee Chairman Barrons said his intent was to get it to move the Commission into the budget considerations.

Aye – 3 (Barrons, Christensen, Walter)

No – 0 Absent – 1 (Popa)

RECOMMENDATION PASSES.

Motion by Christensen to recommend to the County Parks and Recreation Commission consideration of work of the safety walkway around the old putting green of the main fishing pond for 2021. Seconded by Barrons.

Discussion – Christensen said we have a rough estimate of \$15,000.00. Christensen asked and Barrons responded that Popa had not broken the costs down. Christensen said we need to do that now so that we have a chance of doing this this year. Barrons recalled the projects currently in the pipeline for this year. Christensen said we need to follow we have a relatively

strong number there. When we get to the full Commission, we will probably give them marching orders to draft the RFP.

Motion restated by Clerk. Discussion ensued on the motion language.

Aye – 3 (Barrons, Christensen, Walter)

No – 0 Absent – 1 (Popa)

RECOMMENDATION PASSES.

Culvert Replacement Update:

Committee Chairman Barrons asked and Clerk Evans responded the draft contract has not returned from counsel.

Kids' Fishing Day Cancellation/Spraying Plan:

Committee Chairman Barrons provided an update on the Kids' Fishing Day (KFD) event for this year, which has been cancelled, due to the three major sponsors not being able to participate in person, due to state and tribal regulations. As a result, the KFD Committee then decided to cancel the event; however, this could still change at the end of the month. Barrons added the Lake Association is still willing to pay for half the cost of the fish stocking. Discussion ensued on allowing the Lake Leelanau Lake Association to advertise at the Park, including types of signage materials.

Committee Chairman Barrons also noted the spraying is scheduled for June 3, weather permitting. The company, Savin Lake Services, has spot-treated ponds before and have assured him it can be accomplished. More comments followed on the spray plan. A minor discussion ensued on the fish stocking (a link to images discussed is available on the top of page one).

Discussion Items:

None.

Board Member Comment:

None.

Public Comment:

None.

Motion by Christensen to adjourn. Seconded by Barrons.

Meeting adjourned to the call of the chairman at 2:17 p.m.

Laurel S. Evans, Secretary Pro Tem