

Leelanau County Parks and Recreation Commission

Myles Kimmerly Park Committee

Tuesday, September 15, 2021, 1:00 p.m.

Leelanau County Government Center, Suttons Bay, Michigan

Tentative Minutes – Meeting Recorded

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The meeting of the Myles Kimmerly Park Committee was reconvened (from the previously held off-site meeting of August 25, 2021) by Committee Chairman Don Frerichs at 1:06 p.m.

The “Pledge of Allegiance” was waived.

Roll Call:
Steve Christensen
Don Frerichs, *Chairman*
Rick Robbins, *Absent/Prior notice*
Michael Smith

Staff Present:
Laurel Evans, Executive Assistant
Jerry Culman, Maintenance Director

Guests Present:
None.

Public Comment:
None.

Action Items –

Grub/Storage Shack Renovation:

Committee Chairman Frerichs reported that the County Board of Commissioners approved the removal of the grub shack at Myles Kimmerly Park for a cost of one dollar. Frerichs turned the floor over to Maintenance Director Culman for more details. Culman reported that the irrigation lines were being blown out and shut down today (September 15, 2021) leaving no potable water at the park (a month earlier than normal). The pressure tank that currently resides in the grub shack will be buried on the north side of the grub shack pad, and the panel for the electrical and irrigation will be relocated to the north side of the pad and protected by a split rail fence. The cost to bury the pressure tank is \$2,600.00, and the cost for the electrical and water has yet to be approved. Culman said Tim Newman, owner of Kasson Contracting, Inc., was not available to move the shack until the second week of October, but he felt cautiously optimistic that all will go well and by the end of October (2021), the grub shack will be removed with minimal disruption or damage. Culman added that the plan is to move the shack to the west (toward the driveway) to minimize damage to the surrounding area. He said that once the shack is gone, his crew would clean up the area and bring in topsoil to stabilize the hole left from the removal of the shack.

Frerichs proposed Option #3 of the three renderings (on file) created by Commissioner Walters for the design of the replacement of the grub shack and the surrounding area. Option #3

provides a concrete slab, a covered area for toilets, and a patio. Frerichs said he would like to have the slab put down this year if time and cost were not an issue. Smith and Christensen concurred. To afford more storage in the new structure, Frerichs proposed a larger pad (18' x 32') than what was outlined in Option #3; Smith concurred. Christensen did not see the need for "concrete without a purpose" and preferred to stick with the plan as outlined. He did not think it was incumbent on the County to provide storage for soccer gear and, therefore, he did not see a need to change the design plan to accommodate for more storage. He added that the line-marking equipment could be stored in the smaller shed. Culman said extending the pad would help mitigate erosion issues by catching runoff from the roof. Smith suggested installing drain tile or spreading drain stone to mitigate erosion. Frerichs suggested eaves and Evans suggested a drain basin with a perennial garden. Culman highly discouraged drain stone for safety reasons. He said the stones become projectiles when the lawn is mowed or if the public toss the stones. Culman supported a solution that did not require additional maintenance. Christensen added that he plans to include in the permit fill dirt to use for building up and sloping the area to help mitigate erosion.

Motion by Christensen to recommend to the Parks & Rec Commission Option #3 for replacement of the grub shack, with details to be discussed at today's Parks and Rec Commission meeting (at 2 p.m. – September 15, 2021). Seconded by Frerichs.

Discussion – None.

Ayes – 3 (Christensen, Frerichs, Smith)

No – 0 Absent – 1 (Robbins)

Motion Passes.

Committee Chairman Frerichs said that at the offsite meeting at Myles Kimmerly Park, they identified the need for repair or replacement of the rock and wire boundary around the upper parking lot. He said the downed wire between the rocks creates a tripping hazard. Christensen said Maintenance Worker Scott Bradley had suggested setting granite boulders as a new boundary, though they are pricey. He also suggested limestone slabs, which are more readily available and less costly. Christensen added that they also discussed expanding the upper parking lot. He suggested asking Commissioner Walter to sketch some ideas for a barrier system for the lot. No firm decisions were made on these projects.

Though not on the agenda, Committee Chairman Frerichs opened a discussion regarding capital outlay as it related to Myles Kimmerly Park. He wanted to ensure nothing was left off the list and check that the committee members were in agreement regarding the priority of their items on the list. Grub Shack was #1, pickle ball courts were #4, the loop trail was #5, and the dog park was #6. Frerichs said the loop trail would not be considered until 2023, due to the grant funding timeline. He questioned if pickle ball should be a higher priority than the dog park. Christensen responded that it was apparent from discussions at the offsite meeting that the dog park needs a lot more thought and consideration, so pickle ball courts before the dog park was the right priority. Smith added that Bradley had said that pickle ball was very popular and should be moved to an even higher priority than #4.

Evans complimented committee members for pushing the idea of an offsite meeting at Myles Kimmerly Park. She said the onsite meeting incited visions for enhancements and she felt it was a very productive endeavor. She recommended one, onsite park meeting a year because park plans change and it would be beneficial for new committee members. Evans also reiterated an idea she discussed at the off-site meeting – to move the Parks and Rec monthly meetings ahead of the monthly Board of Commissioners’ meetings to stay ahead of the curve on Parks and Rec business that needing to be presented to the Board of Commissioners.

One last non-agenda item was briefly discussed regarding committee meeting structure. Committee Chairman Frerichs inquired if the committee members were content to continue with individual committee meetings versus meetings as a whole. It was unanimous that the desire was to continue with individual committee meetings.

Public Comment:

None.

Board Member Comment:

None.

Adjournment:

Motion by Christensen to adjourn. Seconded by Smith.

Ayes – 4 (Christensen, Frerichs, Smith)

No – 0 Absent – 1 (Robbins)

Motion Passes.

The meeting adjourned to the call of Committee Chairman Frerichs at 1:53 p.m.

Lori Eubanks, Recording Secretary