

LELAND TOWNSHIP PARKS AND REC COMMISSION

Tuesday, January 4, 2022 – 5:30 p.m

Leland Township Library – Munnecke Room

203 E. Cedar St., Leland, MI

Minutes

PRESENT: Chair Molly Steck, Karen Kirt, Julianna Lisuk

ABSENT: Nick Bierschbach, Mariann Kirch

GUESTS: Ken Hagstrom, Susan Och

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLIANCE: Ms. Steck called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: Ms. Kirt moved to approve the agenda; supported by Ms. Lisuk. Motion carried. (3,0)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

December 20, 2021: Regular meeting, Parks and Rec Commission

ACTION: Ms. Lisuk moved to approve the minutes as presented; supported by Ms. Kirt. Motion carried. (3,0)

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

UPDATES / DISCUSSION

2% application for Hancock Field land use study – Karen Kirt

At the last meeting, it was decided to go to Leland School to ask them to sponsor the 2% grant application for the Hancock land use study. Parks and Rec will ask permission for this at Monday's Board meeting. May 30 is the deadline for the 2% funds.

Ms. Kirt has been unable to talk with anyone at the DNR about grants despite several calls. Ms. Och offered a couple of names that could be contacted. Among other things, she wanted to ask the DNR about "match" opportunities for grants. Our 5-year plan was approved by the DNR. Ms. Kirt described the requirements of the DNR grant. The deadline for the DNR grant is April 1. 7.7 million has been added to that grant availability.

There is also a Land and Water Conservation grant. The Parks and Rec Board will ask the Leland Township Board for permission to apply for this grant as well. Ms. Steck will be attending the Board meeting.

The Ball Foundation grant that was secured by Leland School is still earmarked for Hancock minus the costs for removal of the scoreboard and the purchase of the portable fence. The rest of the money would have to be reassigned by the Ball Foundation.

We should also be brainstorming how we can use the Covid money for Parks and Rec projects. Because of Covid, people have been looking for more outdoor activities. The pavilion at Hancock could be renovated and a shade structure at Suelzer Park has been previously discussed. More picnic tables could be added in the parks.

The Leland School Board meeting is February 21. A boundary map is available for Hancock Field.

Budget

Payments for recent work were discussed. Och passed out a budget working document. The need for fertilizing and weed control was discussed. Ms. Och projected that there will be very little money for projects this year. This could be a year that we could focus on volunteers. Capital outlay money is for

needs that aren't repeated every year. Projects that would use capital outlay money (over a certain amount) would have to be approved by the Board.

It was decided to let go of hiring lifeguards because it is hard to find lifeguards and we can't afford it this year. There was discussion about what is included in supplies. The maintenance of the public restrooms at the Harbor has to be discussed outside of this Board. The water is metered there. The water use this last year was well over twice what it has been in previous years. The cost of toilet paper was over budget also. The number of tourists has increased significantly. Fuel is always guesswork based on the price of fuel and the amount of snowfall. \$6,000 is a reasonable guess. \$3,300 is paid to Leland School for maintenance of the rest rooms at Hancock Field. That figure will stay the same until 2026. There is \$5,700 that can be carried over from last year.

Fewer trash bins have been put out and they are always full. Hancock Field is picked up twice a week and the other parks are picked up once a week. \$1,500 was suggested for trash removal. \$6,000 was suggested for porta-john rental. Other items on the budget were discussed and projected amounts were suggested for next year. The repairs and maintenance amount can be decreased. The projected amount for trail signs at Provemont could be eliminated. It is not known at this time if the phragmites treatment will be needed this year. Ms. Och will take care of the trust fund sign needed for Nedows out of this year's budget.

There was discussion about how the parks look to the public. Unfortunately, the public has not recently been supportive of funding for Parks and Rec.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Lisuk moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m.; supported by Ms. Kirt. Motion carried. (3,0)

The next meeting is February 7, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Kacin, Recording Secretary

Date Approved: _____

Susan Och, Leland Township Supervisor

Chairman Molly Steck