**LELAND TOWNSHIP PARKS AND REC COMMISSION**

**Monday, May 2, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.**

**Leland Township Library – Munnecke Room**

**203 E. Cedar St., Leland, MI**

**Minutes**

**PRESENT:** Molly Steck, Nick Bierschbach, Karen Kirt, Julianna Lisuk

**ABSENT:** Mariann Kirch

**GUESTS**: Ken Hagstrom, Susan Och

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLIANCE:** Ms. Steck called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**ACTION:** MS. Lisuk moved to approve the agenda; supported by Mr. Bierschbach. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

April 4, 2022: Regular meeting, Parks and Rec Commission

**ACTION**: Ms. Lisuk moved to approve the minutes of April 4, 2022 as presented; supported by Mr. Bierschbach. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**UPDATES**  - State of the Parks - report from park stewards

Ken Hagstrom – There is lots of brush and sticks to pick up. The leaf blower was replaced .

Grove Park – An email came in from Hillary Larkin. The tennis court needs a new net. He volunteered to power wash the court. Mr. Hagstrom said power washing will cause it to crumble more. Nick suggested a soft chemical wash to remove the moss. The cranks on the tennis net are missing and the mechanism may be frozen. Perhaps WD40 might help? The asphalt was put in in the 1980’s. Nick suggested that if a new court is put in, a lot of trees should come down around it to keep root growth under the court to a minimum. Molly will respond to Hillary Larkin. Also, there are wood chips to spread. Ms. Kirt reminded that Grove Park could be part of the land use study from Gosling-Czubak.

**DISCUSSION**

1. Grove Park improvement request

Discussed above in State of the Parks.

1. Work bee for Provemont Park – Garlic mustard removal

Ms. Kirt organized a work bee. One person with her daughter came. A lot of trash was picked up as well. There is still a good amount of garlic mustard that needs to be removed from the area. There was discussion about how to dispose of it. Ms. Steck and Ms. Lisuk will work on what is left at Provemont Pond.

Ms. Kirt said there is a lot of garlic mustard at Clay Cliffs and there are no bins there to dispose of it.

1. Signage at Provemont Park

Ms. Steck was in touch with Bay Supply. There is a person (Griffin) from the fundraiser group who can work on the signage. Ms. Steck will be talking with him again. A sign acknowledging the donors will need to be approved by the Board. There was a discussion of the various signs that will be needed: dogs and leashes, directionality, trail etiquette, tic warning, bulletin board for suggestions, and a sign about future development and donations.

1. Leland Pier Accessibility concept steering committee

A document from the steering committee was sent to the Commission by email. Ms. Och anticipates the project will cost a million dollars or more. Ms. Och has attended a seminar about asset management. She learned that the initial cost of a project is generally just 25% of the lifetime cost of that project. Concrete lasts about 30 years. Ms. Och will be talking to Alan Campbell about the future management and maintenance of this project. The area is owned by the Army Corp of Engineers. This project is not a part of our 5-year parks and rec plan. The Board did approve the rotary grant to come up with this plan.

1. Park Ordinance discussion

Ms. Kirch asked for this discussion and she was absent from the meeting.

OTHER DISCUSSION

Ms. Och made a list of the Township’s physical assets covered by the insurance. The insurance company has asked for the anticipated lifetime of these assets. 30% of our assets are at the end of their life. Susan asked for the commission to review the document to see if anything was not listed.

There is a defibrillator at Hancock and the one at Nedows went to the Fire Department because we haven’t had a lifeguard at Nedows in the last two years.

Susan has a contact who wants to be a lifeguard at Nedow’s. Susan wants to interview and possibly ask the Board to fund a lifeguard this summer. The Commission would like Ms. Och to pursue that.

There was a suggestion for restoring the playground equipment at Suelzer Park.

Ms. Kirt has researched basketball net prices. We would need 5 for a total of $150. 19 trash totes and 8 rescue rings and ropes are also needed. Ms. Och will get these ordered. Mr. Bierschbach asked about liability issues in having a life guard at Van’s Beach. A life guard at Van’s Beach would need open water training. The dangerous time for currents starts about August 1. Early in the season is when the wind blows offshore. Waves do not appear to be visible and people can drift out too far. Ideally, knowledgeable people should talk to the people on the beach about these dangers and explain the risk. Blow up toys are not for the Great Lakes.

There are two trees that need to cut down at Nedows. One can be cut by the Road Commission. There is another big tree with a large hole in it that needs to be cut down. Ms. Och will figure out an amount for the tree removal to ask for the Board’s approval.

Land use study – Logan Sutteman thought we could get matching funds from the Ball Foundation. Ms. Kirt will get further information.

**ACTION ITEMS** - None

**PUBLIC COMMENT** -None

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ACTION:** Ms. Steck moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.; supported by Ms. Kirt. Motion carried.

The next meeting is June 27, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Kacin, Recording Secretary Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Susan Och, Leland Township Supervisor Chairman Molly Steck