

LELAND TOWNSHIP PARKS AND REC COMMISSION

Monday, June 27, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.

Leland Township Library – Munnecke Room

203 E. Cedar St., Leland, MI

Minutes

PRESENT: Mariann Kirch, Molly Steck, Karen Kirt

ABSENT: Nick Bierschbach, Julianna Lisuk

GUESTS: Tim Parvin, Susan Och

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLIANCE: Ms. Steck called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: Ms. Steck moved to approve the agenda; supported by Ms. Kirch. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

May 2, 2022: Regular meeting, Parks and Rec Commission

ACTION: Ms. Kirt moved to approve the minutes as presented; supported by Ms. Steck. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

UPDATES / DISCUSSION

State of the Parks - report from park stewards

Suelzer Park – Things are fine, except for signs.

Grove Park – The tennis court was discussed. Nick mentioned a chemical wash. A committee has been formed to explore the building of Township Offices on the park property and a redevelopment of the park elements. The committee consists of Lisa Brookfield, Cal Little, Keith Ashley, Gary Coyle, and Kathy Dawkins. The intent is to maintain a park there. Adequate parking may be a problem. Vicki Brown is doing the survey. Once that is done, plans could be made. The Board has approved the expense. Architects could make a conceptual drawing. Park fix-ups will be discussed after a decision is made on the redevelopment.

Hancock Field – The driveway has been filled by Kal Excavating. Basketball nets are up. Ms. Och asked Jessie LaCross to apply for a soil erosion permit through the Ball Foundation to take out the south Pee Wee baseball field and reseed with grass. Janet Denoyer would like the Parks and Rec Board to pay \$1300.00 for diamond dust. This expense is not in the budget and funds are not available. Ms. Kirch will contact Janet and let her know.

Van's Beach – Ms. Och has updated all the signs on the Lake Michigan beaches. Suelzer Park and Schneider's need safety signs.

Nedow's Beach – Tree removal still needs to happen. The docks went in late. The fee for dock installation was higher this year. There is no lifeguard. Funding for the lifeguard was not approved by the Board. Bob Schluter has requested a clean-up of the sand. Ken Hagstrom thinks the sand should be turned up and debris removed. Ms. Och would a truckload of sand put there.

Ms. Och would like the drainage pipe removed. There is a potential for pesticides to be going into the lake.

Thompson Street – There are concerns at Avenue A. The board has been removed. Mr. Hall wants the footpath off his property. This is the beach by Falling Waters Lodge.

Provemont Pond – A tree is down across the path. Bill Watson has rerouted some of the trails. We would have to raise funds to get trails on the south side. There is a dedication proposed to honor Dennis Coburn. When Molly has a template, she will ask for Board approval. The next step is to have a trailhead map.

Michigan Spark Grants

The Parks and Rec Department should think about projects for application to these grants. There is a lot of money available through the end of 2022. We should look at the 5-year plan. The 5-year plan was developed prior to the covid pandemic. The Department members are encouraged to review the plan and make a timeline for the projects. Projects need to be completed by 2026.

There was discussion about this group being a commission or a committee. There was a consensus that the group should be called a committee.

Nedow’s Bay Sign – We need a sign “No lifeguard on duty” and also add “No overnight boats.” Mr. Parvin suggested a sign for a “No Wake Zone.” There is a tall buoy placed further out from the dock to deter boats from going too fast.

Asset Management – Ms. Och provide a list of values for our parks and rec assets. We need to provide safety and usage ratings (1-5) by the next meeting in August. East Leland and Nedow’s beaches get beat up by boats. We need to come up with a system to compare parks, roads, and everything in the Township. Ms. Kirch is going to make a template for park stewards.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Pickleball nets at Hancock

The two nets are not enough. Four nets have been asked for. Ms. Kirt will contact Tim McNeil to ask if there were four nets last year. Ms. Steck will email Bob Schuler.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tim Parvin – He asked about the meeting schedule. The schedule is every other month until budgeting time. The dates were established at the April meeting and are listed in the April minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Kirt moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.; supported by Ms. Kirch. Motion carried. The next meeting is August 29, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Kirt

Cindy Kacin, Recording Secretary

Date Approved: _____

Susan Och, Leland Township Supervisor

Chairman Molly Steck

