

**LELAND TOWNSHIP PARKS AND REC COMMISSION
BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Tuesday, February 9, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

(Leland Township will be holding all meetings remotely under the COVID19 Executive order issued to limit person to person transmission of the virus until such order is lifted. Directions to participate in the meeting via Zoom were included in the posting of the agenda.)

PRESENT: Mariann Kirch, Molly Steck, Julianna Lisuk, Shirley Garthe, Clint Mitchell, Susan Och

ABSENT: Lisa Brookfield, Nick Bierschbach, Karen Kirt

GUESTS: 0

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Steck called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Och reported that the automatic flushers in the rest rooms at the Harbor need to be replaced. They don't work well with the hard water. It will cost about \$900.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Michael Collins – Mr. Collins sent his comment by email and it was read aloud at the meeting:

'Leland Township Board members,

I wanted to address you this evening regarding the budgeted hourly wage for Ken Hagstrom, our outstanding Maintenance person. Ken has served the Township well for many years. Last year was a year like no other, with Ken constantly pivoting to meet the specifics of Governor Whitmer's executive orders. Yet, at the same time, Ken was given no wage increase last year of any kind - not even a cost of living adjustment. I would like to see this situation rectified, and I hope that the LT board will provide Ken with an hourly increase of at least \$1 per hour effective April 1, 2021. Thank you for your time, and thank you for your service to Leland Township.'

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Ms. Och detailed the maintenance duties of Leland Township and the work of the maintenance man, Ken Hagstrom. A 2% raise is being put in for Ken. \$7,000 is needed to hire lifeguards at \$15.00 an hour. Commissioners pay will stay the same as last year. Recording secretary wages will remain the same. A \$500 increase is anticipated for gas, oil and diesel. \$900 was added for replacement of the flushers at the Harbor. Previously, extra cleaning was done of the Harbor rest rooms for peak times and for Covid safety. There was discussion that Covid is not spread by surfaces, so perhaps the cleaning does not have to be as rigorous. Mary West cleans the Harbor and the Leland Township office and she will be asked if we can go to a pre-Covid schedule. The business association previously helped out with the cost of the cleaning. Karen Kirt will be asking them if they are willing to help out again. Leland School paid for the construction of the rest rooms at Hancock Field. We are paying one-half of the amount back to them on a payment schedule (\$3300.00 a year). Trash cans were removed last year because of Covid and the concern it was spread from surfaces. 5 areas that are near restaurants had a lot of litter this year. There was discussion about providing trash receptacles for the public again. Having the businesses in Leland help with that expense will be explored. The licenses and fees expense is for water testing. Capital outlay will include the Parks & Rec planned projects.

The project list details were discussed. Karen Kirt is investigating a good place for a volleyball court at Nedows. There may not be enough room for that. It will not be put into the budget at this time. We do not have a figure for the stairway at Sueltzer Park yet. It was decided to not do the shade shelter at Sueltzer this year. There was discussion about the maintenance truck. The repairs have been quoted and it has 112,000 miles on it. It will need to be replaced this year. We could get another one for about \$25,000. It was decided to ask Leland School if they would be willing to help with the cost of the land use study. Total budget is \$149,450.00 and will be looked at again at the Budget wrap-up meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Kacin, Recording Secretary

Date Approved: _____

Susan Och, Leland Township Supervisor

Chairman Molly Steck