

**LELAND TOWNSHIP PARKS AND REC COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, October 11, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**Leland Township Library – Munnecke Room**  
**203 E. Cedar St., Leland, MI**

**Minutes**

**PRESENT:** Nick Bierschbach, Juliana Lisuk, Molly Steck, and Mariann Kirch

**ABSENT:** Karen Kirt

**GUESTS:** Susan Och

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** N/A

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Susan Och - Susan shared a site plan for Grove Park that was done on 8/24/2022. The site plan indicates what is currently at the Grove Park site.

Kay Osborne - Shared a hello

**UPDATES/DISCUSSION:**

**State of the Parks - Report from Park Stewards**

Grove Park - Looks good overall. The woodchip pile is still there and could be spread in place. Nick Bierschbach will assess the beech tree at the park.

Vans Beach - Also looks good overall. There is a tree down across the entrance. Ken will bring his chainsaw to take care of it.

Schneider Beach - There is still a tree down at this park. The grounds look great overall and the docks are out for the season.

Hancock - The sandpit at Hancock has one pole sticking up. Could the sandpit area go back to grass and the pole be taken out? Ms.Kirch will take pictures to show the committee at the next meeting. Parks and Rec should think about a plan to upgrade the playground at Hancock.

Suelzer - The dock is still in the water. This is the first dock in for the season and the last one out. The folks who remove the docks use this spot to do their work. There was discussion around adding a 4x4 piece of lumber to the dock to use as a bumper system. Susan will ask Allen if this would work as a solution to protect the dock.

Nedows Dock - Needs winter repair. The cost estimate is around \$800 (Ms.Kirch received this estimate through shore station). There is a missing piece and a dent in the dock.

Township bathrooms by observation deck in Leland Harbor parking lot - Mask signs remain on the bathroom doors that have been up since 2020. Consider removing them. Discussion also to add signs listing the hours the bathrooms are open.

Provemont - Ms.Steck said she has received the proof for the memorial sign for the new trail. They will order it soon and determine the exact location for installation.

Overall reminder to committee members ot use the checklist when checking on parks.

### **Tree and Bush Removal at Nedows**

The underbrush is creeping out over the grass and extending the forested area. The grills and signs are obscured by the growth. Can the brush be taken out and trees remain? Susan met with Matt and talked about the trees. She reports that the cottonwoods and birch are not safety hazards. Bill Grant of Suttons Bay is usually who we contact to grind the stumps for the parks. Should the stumps at Nedows be ground down or left?

Consider having Bill Watson of YouthWork talk to Parks and Rec about his ability to connect us with match funds for a 2% grant through the Grand Traverse Band.

### **MI Spark Grant through the DNR**

The open period is now through the next 6 weeks. Need township board approval to apply for these funds. We would use them for park planning purposes. If we move forward, Gosling Czubak would need to update their proposal. Ms.Steck will reach out to the DNR for more information on the grant opportunity.

The next Leland Township Board meeting is November 14. We will ask them to approve an application to the Spark Grant.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

Ms.Steck made a motion to use YouthWork to remove the dead ash tree at Schneider and the brush and poison ivy at Nedows. Mr.Bierschbach seconds motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passes.

Ms.Kirch made a motion to add to the Leland Township Board agenda permission to apply to the MI Spark Grant to fund Gosling Czubak to implement the Hancock Park Plan. Ms.Steck seconds motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Lisuk moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m.; supported by Ms.Steck. Motion carried.

The next meeting is November 29, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the Munnecke Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Juliana Lisuk, Leland Township Parks and Rec Committee Member