

LELAND TOWNSHIP PARKS AND REC COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Leland Township Library – Munnecke Room

203 E. Cedar St., Leland, MI

Minutes

PRESENT: Tim Zywicki, Leslie Maclin, Greg Mielczarek, Susan Och, Justin Acker

GUESTS: Pat Kolarik, Molly Steck

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLIANCE: Ms. Och called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Addition: Add LLCA partnership as #6.

ACTION: Zywicki moved to approve the agenda as presented and amended; supported by Maclin. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

January 9, 2024: Regular meeting, Parks and Rec Commission

Maclin had several corrections and did not have a copy with her, and suggested that the minutes be approved at the next meeting. Committee agreed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pat Kolarik: He described the boat launch at Suelzer Park as lousy and someone is going to get hurt on the dock. He doesn't understand how Leland Township can have so much money but can't repair the dock. It's a liability.

Och explained that the dock is fixed 2-3 times a year. She explained the Parks and Rec budget. Currently, Leland Township is only able to do maintenance on the parks.

She asked Kolarik to get the cost of a dock that would be suitable for Suelzer Park.

UPDATES

1. State of the Parks

Ken Hagstrom is back to work. Ken will take care of the sign that is down at Hancock.

Maclin made a template to use for the state of the parks. It is a quick list of what needs to be done in each park. Using a rating system of the condition of the parks was discussed. It could be reviewed and updated on a monthly basis. It will be put in the CRP.

Och has a list of park assets which Maclin will update every month. There will be a page for each park.

2. Budget YTD 24-25

The Board made some changes to the proposed budget. Wages were reduced by \$8,000. \$5,040 was designated for a lifeguard for the summer, which is half of what was planned. A lifeguard will be on duty from June until the first week in August. The budget for the public restrooms at the Harbor remained the same. The public has

expressed a need for year-round porta-johns (\$30,000). That was turned down and the seasonal porta-johns for Hancock remained the same (\$8,640).

The extra buoys can be purchased out of this year's remaining budget. The lifeguard stand and the "no wake" signs at Nedows were turned down. These things will be put in the design plan for next year. Mielczarek offered to have his company build the lifeguard stand.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Trail project for the west side of Provemont Pond

(Supplemental information: Maclin is doing a case study of the ice rink project which may be helpful for future planning. Acker would like to keep track of volunteer hours in all projects.)

Molly Steck reviewed the work that was done at Provemont Pond. The cost of the trail was privately funded. Steck spoke about continuing the trail on the west side of the pond. It will be a multi-use trail. There is a balance of \$12,000 in the private fund. Molly has a park sign that needs to be put up. It was suggested that usage data would be helpful for Provemont Pond and the other parks. Youth Works did the first phase of the trail. There are some downed trees that need to be cleared. Someone dumped about 40 tires and 2 old TV's on the property. A work bee day was suggested. Youth Works can get started in May. Steck will let the Committee know when the work bee takes place.

2. Feedback on the state of the parks template – discussed above.

3. Community survey

There are 154 responses so far. The majority come from Leland Township. There is a good percentage of written comments. The written comments will be collated. There were several comments about Hancock. Flyers were put up in businesses to encourage people to participate in the survey. There will be an ad in the Enterprise about the survey in the next two weeks.

The previous CRP was never realized because of a lack of funds.

Mielczarek noted an uptick of interest in baseball.

4. CRP update and assign sections to committee

The CRP was distributed and Maclin led the discussion in assigning committee members to do tasks needed for the various items in the table of contents. The CRP is a selling point and a template for the future (Acker).

5. Recruitment of life guards

The Fire Department has someone who has experience in training life guards. He could help write the job description. Requirements for certification were discussed. It was suggested that the Fire Department should handle the life guards.

6. LLCA Partnership

Cindy Kacin is a member of the Lake Leelanau Community Association (LLCA). She reported that the LLCA is willing help fund a Parks and Rec project that is in Lake Leelanau proper. Grove Park is a park they would like to see improved. The LLCA would like the Township to identify a project and its cost and the LLCA would help to fund the project by gathering donations or having fund-raising events.

The Parks and Rec committee was interested and would like to sit down with the LLCA to discuss the grant writing process and any other way that they could work together to improve the park in Lake Leelanau. Cindy Kacin will relay the information to the LLCA and encourage them to participate in the survey. The next meeting of the LLCA is April 25, 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The committee discussed the disposal of unsafe children’s equipment in the parks or possibly using caution tape to keep the children off the unsafe equipment. This would include the grandstand at Hancock.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Maclin moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.; supported by Och. Motion carried.

The next meeting is April 2, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Kacin

Township Clerk, Lisa Brookfield

Date