

LELAND TOWNSHIP PARKS AND REC COMMISSION

Monday, April 4, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.

Leland Township Library – Munnecke Room

203 E. Cedar St., Leland, MI

Minutes

PRESENT: Karen Kirt, Julianna Lisuk, Nick Bierschbach

ABSENT: Molly Steck, Mariann Kirch

GUESTS: Susan Och

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLIANCE: The meeting was called to order at 5:43 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTION: Ms. Lisuk moved to have Karen Kirt chair the meeting; supported by Mr. Bierschbach. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: Ms. Kirt moved to approve the agenda; supported by Ms. Lisuk. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

February 7, 2022: Regular meeting, Parks and Rec Commission

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Susan Och – She requested to make comment on various items on the agenda.

UPDATES / DISCUSSION

1. Potential work parties for Garlic Mustard removal at Provemont Pond

Ms. Och reviewed her observation of garlic mustard at Provemont Pond. She has pulled some of it out. There is still more. The garlic mustard needs to be removed before May 15; before it goes to seed. She suggested that it would take about 6 people a couple of hours to weed out the garlic mustard.

Having an Earth Day (April 22) beach clean-up was discussed. A scale could be used to weigh the trash for Earth Day clean-up data. Ms. Kirt volunteered to make this an activity for her class.

Ms. Och will pass on the info to Ms. Kirt. Also, NHS groups should be contacted. This would be a great activity for volunteer hours.

2. Budget Review and potential projects for 2022

There have been cuts to the budget. There will not be lifeguards this year. There are not funds for capital outlay. The costs for the trash removal was discussed. Trash totes cost \$27 each per month. It was decided that 19 trash totes are needed. Hancock and Drow need trash totes right away. Porta-johns cost \$100 a month.

3. Park Ordinance

A park ordinance has been a topic of discussion for some time. It was noted that a park is different than a road end. The existing park ordinance is on the website. Since the litigation has ended, it is not urgent to review the ordinance now, but it does need to be updated. The Sheriff advised to stick to state law in writing the ordinance.

STATE OF THE PARKS - reports from park stewards. As an FYI, Ms. Och distributed Ken Hagstrom's work list.

Suelzer Park – no report.

Grove Park – Ms. Kirch has brought up replacing the tennis court net. There are also cracks in the court. The cracks could be power washed to remove the weeds. It is necessary to look at the net mechanism to see if a new net could be installed. There is not much tennis being played there; either because of lack of interest or the court is in such bad shape. A lot of people are interested in pickle ball. Ms. Och shared an estimate that was obtained in 2016 to repair the tennis court. It was for \$35,000. Suttons Bay, Hancock, and Northport have tennis courts. That might be enough for the County. Mr. Bierschbach suggested that a dog park may be more desirable than the existing tennis court. Ms. Kirt suggested that the park needs a work bee and a landscaping plan would be helpful.

Hancock Field – GTB 2% (Kirt) - The ice rink was a big hit this winter. The park looks good. The bathrooms will be open soon.

Van's Beach – no report.

Nedow's Beach (Molly) – Two trees need to come down. Mr. Bierschbach would like to explore getting local people to do the tree removal. Ms. Lisuk will ask Dave Little.

Thompson Street – no report.

Provemont – Ms. Kirt reported that there are trees down over the trail. Nick will be working on that. Molly was working on some sort of gate to keep cars off the trail. Bike Leelanau reported that there was too much erosion on part of the trail. It was hoped that someone from Bike Leelanau was there when the trail was built. The trail is directional and the area cited is not a problem when going in the right direction. Ms. Och has again received a complaint about dogs in the area. However, it is legal to hunt in the area, and that allows people to train their dogs there off the lease.

Reynolds Street – The rescue equipment needs to be checked and replaced if necessary. Nick suggested throw bags are very accurate and easier to throw than life rings. Nick will check with the Fire Dept. about the best rescue products to use.

OTHER DISCUSSION: Ms. Och was thinking about a waterway grant to fix the seawall in the river. It's important to maintain an area in the river for boaters to dock and go into Leland.

Potential projects

- Getting matching funds for the grant that is being submitted. The grant is for a little more than \$22,000.
- Tree cut down at Nedows.
- 3 rescue rings needed.
- 5 basketball nets are needed at Hancock. Ms. Kirt will price nets.

- An information sign at Provemont and replace the signs at Nedow’s Bay. The woodpeckers destroyed the signs at Nedow’s. Stickers could be put on the totes that say “no dumping of household waste.” Mr. Bierschbach will get prices for the stickers.

DISCUSSION – Mr. Bierschbach suggested an information sign should be put up at Provemont Park. Ms. Och stated that a sign would be part of the current project.

***The Commissioners who are researching prices and such should share their findings with each other through email.**

ACTION ITEMS

1. Facilities Use, Leelanau Community Church – Tent request at Drow Field
Paperwork is at the office. Currently, there have not been any requests for baseball.
ACTION: Ms. Kirt moved to recommend to the Board to allow a tent at Drow Field for an event for Leelanau Community Church on July 26-30; supported by Ms. Lisuk. Motion carried.
2. Distribution of trash totes and porta-johns – previously discussed in meeting.
3. Meeting schedule going forward
The intent of the schedule is to meet every other month on the first Monday of the month. If the date falls on a holiday, the meeting will be held either one week before or one week after the holiday date. The meeting dates for the remainder of 2022 are as follows:
May 2
June 27
August 29
October 3
December 5
ACTION: Ms. Lisuk moved to approve the meeting calendar as discussed and presented; supported by Mr. Bierschbach. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Kirt moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m.; supported by Ms. Lisuk. Motion carried.

The next meeting is May 2, 2022. Discussion of a park ordinance will be on the agenda.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Kacin, Recording Secretary

Date Approved: _____

Susan Och, Leland Township Supervisor

Chairman Molly Steck