

LELAND TOWNSHIP BOARD WORKSHOP

Thursday, June 2, 2022– 12:00 p.m.

Leland Township Office

224 W. Main Street, Lake Leelanau, MI 49653

MINUTES

PRESENT: Supervisor Susan Och, Clerk Lisa Brookfield, Treasurer Shirley Garthe, Trustee Clint Mitchell

ABSENT: Trustee Mariann Kirch.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE: Keith Ashley, Cal Little

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Och called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the findings of the Facilities Committee for future location of the Township Offices and define the next steps in the planning.

Keith Ashley reviewed the committee’s findings. Per request, the committee considered office space at the Harbor Building. Limited parking, finishing off the second floor, and access and egress were considerable drawbacks that made this option undesirable. The final consensus of the committee is to erect an adjacent building at the Leland Fire Station. The county would have to be involved to make the street easement a parking area. Some utilities may have to be moved.

Also considered by the committee was re-developing Grove Park to include offices for the Township. This was discussed further at this meeting. The Township would not have to purchase land. There is enough space to erect a building and still maintain park space. Grove Park is in need of renovations as it is now. A new building could provide a meeting space. Ms. Brookfield and Mr. Mitchell were in favor of this idea. Anticipated drawbacks would be neighborhood objection and no visibility from a main road. We would need a survey of the property. Ms. Och suggested that Vicki Brown could provide a drawing of the property. It may be possible to build a base structure and other rooms could be privately funded. Building on Township property would not take anything from the tax rolls.

It is also known that the Distillery in Lake Leelanau is planning to move its business. That building may be available to buy or rent. That may be a good option for the offices. Perhaps the Township could obtain a first option to refusal on the property.

Using the space at the library and museum was discussed. Cedar Street runs all the way to the river. The museum would get more use if it was located in town. However, the cost to rebuild the river wall would be about \$500,000.

At this time, Grove Park seems to be the option with the least resistance and cost for building.

Recommendations –

- The Board would like more information on leasing options and long term costs

- Call Vicki Brown to get survey drawing of Grove Park
- Commit to getting a survey at the next Board meeting
- Discuss authorization of a rough draft concept drawing of what a Playground/park and Township Building might look like on the Grove Property

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Kacin, Recording Secretary

Date Approved: _____

Susan Och, Supervisor

Lisa Brookfield, Township Clerk