

MINUTES
Ross Township Parks Committee Meeting
April 13th, 6:00 p.m.
Meeting held at Ross Township Hall

Jon Scott, Committee Chairperson
Rusty Fry, Vice Chairperson
Melissa McKay, Treasurer
Jay Garside, Recreation Director
Lynne Chipman, Secretary

Committee Members:
Otie Ingrahm
Alan Poling

- I. Call to Order - Introductions
 - a. Meeting called to order AT 6:06PM
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance
 - c. Roll call: Jon, Melissa, Jay and Lynne present. Absent were Rusty, Otie and Alan. Also in attendance Sandy Bliesener with OCBA and Alex Harris, Ross Twp. Park Manager.
- II. Approve Agenda : Agenda revised to discuss Old Business first due to time limitations of Sandy. Lynne made motion to approve, Jay 2nd, all in favor.
- III. Approve Minutes : Jon made amendments, Lynne made motion to approve, Jay 2nd, all in favor.
- IV. Reports
 - a. GLAT Lynne reported observations of a Galesburg community presentation by Hurley & Stewart about the KRVT. On an additional note: **There is going to be another Bells to Bells KRVT event, where Bells is matching 100% of donations. The ride starts May 20th, 1pm downtown at Bells.** Ride the trail to Comstock, have “samples” and yard games (30 minute rest) and then ride back downtown. They’re having a bike valet at Comstock this year, since bikes were strewn all over everywhere in the past.
 - b. Kalamazoo Parks Department
 - c. Kalamazoo Parks Foundation
- V. Public Comments - Non Agenda Items (limit 2 minutes per topic)
- VI. Old Business
 - a. **Master Plan Introduction - OCBA:** Sandy presented process options of going forward with the RTP project. We discussed immediate priorities and a community survey was determined to be necessary immediately so that we could start getting responses in the next 45-60 days. The next priority was a concept drawing. Sandy will get a topo drawing from Paul and work on both items, getting the survey to Jon in the coming week.

- b. **Food Trucks:** Jay reported that he had positive feedback from 6 of the vendors, but that we need a contract ASAP to finalize commitment from them. He will contact the 6 vendors and have them tentatively reserve their respective dates (2 trucks for each date). Dates previously agreed upon are July 10th and 31st, as well as August 14th. Jay has a couple of ideas for music, and Melissa provided another.
 - c. **Park at corner of 38th and M-89:** Jon reported that preliminarily, there are plans being worked on for entry to a trail head with options of M-89 and 38th Street. As it stands there are not plans for flush toilets, but instead port-o-lets, running water, and electricity would be available.
 - d. **Discuss spring clean up, follow up from discussion with Paul Dykestra:** Jon reported that the Township Board had approved dollars for maintenance and well. Alex stated that there are a lot of branches down from the recent wind storms we have had. Two picnic tables have been budgeted for purchase, as two existing tables have expired.
 - e. **Discuss spring project list, follow up discussion with Paul Dykestra:** Stump removal, power washing building as there is moss growing on it, painting, planting. (Previously minutes also reflect railroad ties pile needs to be removed, attendant booth, beachfront sand, signage. Alex reminded us that the park opens April 29th. (Restrooms open to the public May 28th per the website.)
 - f. **Event Scheduling, Calendar Preparation:** Jon will talk with Paul to pick a date or dates for the spring clean-up and project list.
- VII. **New Business**
 - VIII. **Member's Time**
 - IX. **Adjournment** 7:36 pm

Respectfully submitted by Lynne Chipman 4.16.17