

**Ross Township Parks & Recreation Committee
Minute Draft April 4, 2019
Ross Township Hall**

The meeting was called to order by Donna Tillam, Committee Chair at 6:03. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Roll call

Members Present: Donna Tillam, Alex Harris, Peggy Sattler, Gail Hurn, David Senkewitz and Diana Langshaw, Board Representatives

Absent: Zack Klipsch

Alex made a motion to amend minutes to reference the attachment of the Parkside Visit in the agenda packet and approval of minutes and seconded by Peggy and **passed**.

Treasurer Report

Waste Management – Alex reported there was an overage of \$2,222.23 from Waste Management which will be used as credit towards future services for the park.

The cost of getting rid of the railroad ties was \$102.

Permits for the well will need to be purchased.

Peggy moved to approve the treasurer's report.

Public Comments – none

Unfinished Business

It was suggested by Zach at the last meeting that we need a minimum number of members, number of terms 3, and that each member would need to take off a year before serving another term. A quorum is one more than half the membership. At present there were only 5. Now there are 6.

Bid Selection Approval

Buoy bids – The BOARD APPROVED the purchase from Gull Lake Marine.

Well House – will be torn down – the pressure tank was not drained so was possibly ruined. May need to purchase a new one. The supervisor felt that we would put the new pressure tank in the maintenance room and new wiring would be installed to the well. Bids will be gotten for this work.

Picnic Table repairs – Accepted Carter Lumber bid but it is only good for a month. Delivery is free and decided to have it delivered the day before needed so we did not have to rehandle. APPROVED BY BOARD.

Beach recommendation – In discussing erosion problem at the North end, John Kruezer from Stap Brothers recommended 3 options. (Attached) Stap Brothers – North end – \$12, 000. A few potential bidders decide not to do ramp and redo the middle of the South Beach – \$6,000–\$9,000. Several companies were contacted to bid for this work. They were either not interested, had other work, or didn't do that type of work. Report from Paul Schram from DNR grant (he suggested to post it for a bid and make it a grant) patch job first and then possibly post grant. David wanted us to consider a compromise of options 2 and 3 maybe for \$6,000 and put in recommendation to the Ross Township Board. Committee recommends that we pare down number option 3 – 3 feet on each side instead of 6 feet. Alex motioned to recommend to the board option 3 and possibly add number 2 to keep at \$6,000 giving them both options. Peggy seconded and recommendation was **passed**.

DNR grants – the park plan has not been updated so we are not eligible. The township also does not have funds to do a grant as there are no matching funds available. The plan is to do the park updates this year.

Park Work Day – Peggy motioned for a Ross Township work day on May 18, 2019 and Gail Hurn seconded.

Marijuana strip – Peggy is going to have a “No Marijuana” strip placed on the sign in front of the booth.

Committee Expectations – Donna shared that this has been a big undertaking and responsibilities need to be shared.

Park Brush Clean-up – Alex had a deeply felt concern regarding chestnut trees and saplings. The Kellogg Forest noted they did not do reviews (trees/brush) for groups. Numerous calls to other available sources were made and the only registered forester in the area came and reviewed the trees and brush. What needed to be taken out were dead and fallen trees, and brush and trees that are invasive. He marked most of them (with the exception of much of the brush) which he noted needed to come out as well. Work on further brush was put on hold until a later date.

AARP Community Challenge 2019 Grant – Peggy shared information on the AARP Community Challenge 2019. This is a community grant for all ages and could benefit from hundreds to thousands of dollars that we could possibly use for grills, picnic tables from Landscape Forms. Also, it could help finance handicap accessibility.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.