

Ross Township Parks & Recreation Committee

Minute Draft March 19, 2019

Ross Township Hall

The meeting was called to order by Dave Senkewitz, Board Representative at 6:05 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Roll call

Members Present: Alex Harris, Gail Hurn, Zach Klipsch, Donna Tillam

Diana Langshaw & Dave Senkewitz Board Representatives

Absent: Peggy Sattler

Diana was asked to take minutes for this meeting.

Zach Klipsch moved to amend the agenda to include approval of minutes of the February 26. Seconded and **passed.**

Donna moved to approve the minutes as written. Seconded and **passed.**

Dave and Donna handed out information packets for the meeting.

Beachfront at Ross Township Park – Speaker John Kruezer was unable to come. Donna handed out and explained the proposal. The main points to be addressed were safety issues and the handicap accessibility area. Donna is to ask John to redo the bid to see if we can resolve the problem at a lower cost.

Public Comments – none

Unfinished Business

Officers: Donna Tillam - Chair

Gail Hurn – Secretary

Diana Langshaw & Dave Senkewitz will monitor the Treasury

Budget: Zach moved to recommend the budget to the board as presented. Seconded and **Passed.**

It was decided to wait on the decision regarding beachfront improvements until after the boards budget meeting. Grants are available and information given to members. The protocol is: the committee recommends projects, which are then presented to the board for approval. The board approves the project and funds for the project(s). **NO EXPENDITURES/ORDERS PLACED WITHOUT APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE AND BOARD.**

Goals

It was decided to postpone long term goals at this time and concentrate on short term goals. Our short term goals include getting some of the major safety issues/problems taken care of in order to open the park this year. (These items are summarized in a hand out --)

Any Other Business

Events: It was decided not to have the Trucks and Tunes event(s) in 2019 as we need to concentrate on getting the park safe for the public to use. We are lacking volunteers and funds to put on events.

The committee meetings will be held the first Thursday of the month at the Township Hall unless otherwise noted.

New Business

Parks Committee Definition: This document was handed out to the group. Zach suggested

Suggestions to add – Need a minimum number of members, number of terms a member can serve. Suggested 3 year terms, number of terms 3, then member would need to take off a year before serving again, Add 5.10

Regarding voting. Suggestion to allow voting by phone. Dave is to rework and add Suggestions to the document.

Ross Township Park - current conditions: These items were reviewed in a handout. Additionally, there was discussion about requesting regular law enforcement patrols of the park through the summer. There was feeling this may help maintain a family-friendly environment (especially given unknowns surrounding legalization of recreational marijuana). It was also noted, that music has been very loud in the past. Dave will forward the current "Park rules" flyer to committee members for review and possible recommendations for changes.

Grants: Donna provided information in a handout regarding available grants. At present the grants available are minimal. DNR grants are due in 2020 once our recreation plan is updated.

Bids: As much as possible we should get 3 bids for a project. These need to be in written form. And there will be due dates for them. Bids should be turned in to Dave, Diana or Donna. Zach is getting an additional bid for the well/pump. Alex is getting bids for buoys. It is asked that bids get turned in as soon as possible so they can be presented at The April board meeting.

We are looking at getting donations of items needed and in order to do so need to have quotes for what is needed. The Rotary is interested in donating picnic tables. A list of materials/costs is being compiled. Gail moved to get prices for steel legged tables with bench and tops wood. Seconded and passed.

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Work Day: Dave & Diana are to check with the township liability policy to see what volunteers are allowed to do before a work day is set up. Information on such to be posted on the township website and newsletter. Try to get as much done as possible using volunteers.

Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.