

Bear Creek Township Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

Monday, July 19, 2021

Bear Creek Township Hall

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m.
- II. Roll call
 - a. Members present: Jerry Bush, Joe Villemure, Dave Farris, Tom Urman, Dan Goldsmith, Doug Kendziorski. Absent: Maureen Doull
 - b. Special Guest: Denny Keiser
- III. Joe Villemure made a motion to accept minutes from the 6/7/21 meeting with corrections made to Tom Urman's name. 2nd by Dave Farris, unanimously approved.
- IV. Jerry Bush opened the meeting by asking for two trash lids needed at Spring Lake Park, Joe stated he doesn't have the catalog where cans were ordered. Jerry said there is a stainless-steel partition needed in the men's room. Denny Keiser stated the township board has approved \$2200 for replacement at their last meeting. It was stated the township has received a thank you note for the 'no parking' sign installed for a spot reserved for bikes.
- V. At Jones Landing there are two picnic tables missing, the thought is they were most likely stolen. Without any 'property of Bear Creek Township' stamped on them, it is virtually impossible to prove they belong to the township even if they were found, therefore a police report will not be asked for at this time. It was decided to move two from Spring Lake Park to Jones Landing because there are currently nine at Spring Lake. Denny Keiser and Doug Kendziorski will handle getting these moved. Jones Landing has been very busy with a large amount of trash being collected on a regular basis. There is a sign on the right side of the entrance knocked over.

Connor Dennis wants to do a boat washing demonstration. He will be at the August 2nd meeting to inform us in detail of his intentions.
- VI. Denny Keiser, Dan Goldsmith and Maureen Doull had a conversation regarding the dog park with Kendal and architects from Becket and Radder. There was a consensus that Bear Creek residents aren't pushing for a dog park and if there is any movement on this, the city will be responsible for construction and long-term maintenance.
- VII. Joe Villemure, Jerry Bush and Dennis Keiser had a zoom meeting with Emily Meyerson and the Bear River Water Trail would like to move forward on having a kayak/canoe launch built on the Click Road property. It is currently in our township plan. Joe Villemure to contact her for a draft letter stating what the Bear River Water Trail intentions are, and Denny Keiser would like a courtesy letter sent to all river frontage owners so they will be fully informed of the August 2nd Park and Recreation meeting discussing the potential of more river traffic. Denny to have someone on the township staff to get letter sent to all river front owners.
- VIII. Denny Keiser stated Jack Jones passed away and a donation had been given to the township of \$100 to commemorate the contributions he has made to Bear Creek Township. Denny Keiser suggested a plaque with his picture somewhere posted inside the pavilion at Jones Landing. Joe Villemure to check into what is possible for the \$100, or possibly more and a couple of board members stated they would make up the monetary difference if needed.

- IX. Dan Goldsmith made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:02, Joe Villemure 2nd the motion, passed unanimously.

Douglas J. Kendziora