

Bear Creek Township Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

Monday, August 2, 2021

Bear Creek Township Hall

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. Roll call
 - a. Members present: Jerry Bush, Joe Villemure, Dave Farris, Tom Urman, Dan Goldsmith, Maureen Doull. Absent: Doug Kendziorski
 - b. Special Guest: Denny Keiser, Emily Meyerson (BRWT), Josephine Roberts (WLAC)
- III. Joe Villemure made a motion to accept minutes from the 7/19/21 meeting with corrections made to section VI and VII. 2nd by Dan Goldsmith, unanimously approved.
- IV. Jerry Bush opened the meeting by introducing Emily Meyerson from the Bear River Water Trail Movement. Emily gave a twenty minutes informational presentation on what was being proposed for the water trail on the Bear River, from Walloon Lake to Little Traverse Bay. Three property owners were present to ask questions (Dennis Gunderson, Steve Dainoviec and Bruce Platt). There were no objections to the proposed water trail. Jerry Bush thanked Emily and the three property owners for their questions and participation. Joe Villemure made a motion to accept the new Bear River Water Trails proposal. Seconded by Dan Goldsmith. Motion approved unanimously.
- V. Josephine Roberts and two summer interns (Cooper and Blaine) from the Walloon Lake Association Conservancy then gave a presentation for a proposed boat wash at Jones Landing. The boat wash would help keep invasive aquatic species out of Walloon Lake. The water quality in the lake has deteriorated over the last twenty years. A permanent boat wash would be in the range of \$70,000. Grants are available. A future meeting will be held at Jones Landing to go over the best place for the boat wash.
- VI. Jones Landing – two picnic table from Spring Lake were transferred to Jones Landing to replace the missing tables. Joe Villemure gave a presentation about a branding iron that could be purchase to put the Bear Creek Townships name on are remaining tables. Joe Villemure made a motion to purchase the item for \$229.95 plus shipping. A second came from Dan Goldsmith. Motion approved unanimously. The Jack Jones plaque was then talked about. Joe will get more information.
- VII. Spring Lake – the water fountain replacement was talked about. Joe will get more information. Denny Keiser will look into replacing the garbage can lids.
- VIII. Joe Villemure made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:38, Maureen Doull 2nd the motion, passed unanimously.

Gerald A Bush