

## **Bear Creek Township Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting**

Monday, October 4, 2021

Spring Lake Park

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m.
- II. Roll call
  - a. Members present: Jerry Bush, Joe Villemure-excused, Dave Farris, Dan Goldsmith, Doug Kendziorski. Maureen Doull
  - b. Special Guest: Denny Keiser-Township Supervisor
- III. Maureen Doull made a motion to accept minutes from the 8/30/21 meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Goldsmith, unanimously approved.
- IV. Jerry Bush opened the meeting by asking about plaque for Jones Landing. Dan Goldsmith spoke to Steve Jones and Steve will donate walnut material for a plaque. Maureen Doull's husband to work on material to mount a ready for installation.
- V. Denny Keiser said irrigation has been winterized at both parks, but not the exterior shower at Jones Landing. Doug Kendziorski requested this be done asap since exterior plumbing is prone to freeze during cold fall nights. Dennis Keiser to arrange this to get done as well as the bathrooms.
- VI. Denny Keiser informed the committee that the City of Petoskey has decided against using the River Road property for a dog park. They will be building this on Howard Road.
- VII. Dennis Keiser informed the committee the Bear Creek Township has received \$660,000 in Covid-19 relief money and has asked us to think of ways the township could spend this money before 2026 to better the township. A couple of thoughts regarding the parks would be to have a better way for pedestrian traffic to cross M-119 to get to Spring Lake Park. Another possibility would be to approach the owner of the property behind D & W to possibly have a township park on Little Traverse Bay for public access. We could also look at installation of electric charging stations at our current parks and township hall. This money needs to be allocated by 2024 and spent by 2026.
- VIII. Next meeting to be December 6, 2021, per Jerry Bush at the township hall due to the November election.
- IX. Denny Keiser informed the committee Chuck Johnson is looking at developing a mountain bike path to a bike park at the old Little Traverse Golf Club then on to Boyne Highlands.
- X. The committee then took a look at the bathrooms and the pavilion at Spring Lake Park and discussed how the park is around 30 years old and in need of a renovation of at least the bathrooms. The ventilation, lighting, and tile are in need of serious updating. While on the tour, a railing is broke and Dennis Keiser to have Brian Conklin fix.
- XI. Dennis Keiser informed the committee he is in informal conversations with Resort Township to explore the possibility of having a joint maintenance person for parks and township hall needs including snow removal, landscape care and any other township needs as they arise.
- XII. Jerry made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:42, Doug Kendziorski 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, passed unanimously.

*Douglas J. Kendziorski*