

## Bear Creek Township Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

4/11/2022

Bear Creek Township Hall

- I. Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Jerry Bush
- II. Roll call
  - a. Members present: Jerry Bush, Joe Villemure, Dave Farris, Doug Kendziorski. Tom Urman, Maureen Doull,  
Absent: Dan Goldsmith
  - b. Special Guest: Denny Keiser-Township Supervisor, Connor Dennis-Walloon Lake Association
- III. Jo Villemure made a motion to accept minutes from the 12/6/2022 meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Urman, unanimously approved.
- IV. Jones Landing- Connor Dennis gave everyone an update regarding the boat wash off station at Jones Landing. Unfortunately, EGLE has slowed the process down per them not having a permit category for a boat washing station. It appears they will have something by 2023. In the meantime, Connor Dennis suggested we install a Wayside Solar Specifications Waterless Cleaning System at Jones Landing Park. After discussion regarding noise and traffic patterns for boaters in the circle drive, it was determined that we would look at placing one of these units on the grass island near the parking lot. Doug Kendziorski made a motion for Denny Keiser, Connor Dennis, Maureen Doull, and Bob Versheave visit Jones Landing Park and make a final determination for the location of the unit. Maureen Doull 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and passed unanimously.  
Villemure gave us an update on the Jack Jones plaque. He wants to have it made of bronze so it will be completely maintenance free. These are fairly expensive, but Tom Urman and Denny Keiser were strongly in support of Bear Creek Township making up the difference in expense for this plaque. They stated that Jack was a huge supporter of the township.
- V. Spring Lake- We need two new trash cans at the park. It was brought up by Dennis Keiser that the screen mesh cans are not a good option. Doug Kendziorski made the motion to purchase two Landmark Series 50 gallon trash can holders that have the pea stone face and are exceptionally durable. Jerry Bush 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Passed unanimously.  
Denny Keiser stated we should look at having someone clean up all of the fallen trees at Spring Lake Park especially along Conley Rd. After discussion, Doug Kendziorski made a motion to have Drost Landscaping and Firman Tree Removal give us quotes to get this work done. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Villemure. Motion passed unanimously. Denny Keiser to contact them for quotes.  
Denny Keiser told us there were well issues at Spring Lake Park and they have been addressed. Ballard's is opening both Spring Lake and Jones Landing for the year. Water samples are being taken and sent in for testing so we can open to public by late April.
- VI. Click Rd. property- We have not heard of any activity regarding the canoe/kayak launch site from the Bear River Waterway. Emily, the person heading this up has retired from the state. Joe Villemure stated this property really should be developed and would like action on this subject. Denny Keiser to contact Emily to see if she knows if anyone has taken over this project so we can keep this on the plan to get done in relationship with our 5 year plan. If there is no one at the Bear River Waterway taking this on, Denny Keiser to contact Beckett and Raeder to see if they can be present at the next meeting to discuss how they could potentially help us get grant money to move forward with a launch site.

Next meeting to be May 2, 2022 at 6 p.m. at the Township office, per Jerry Bush.

Joe Villemure made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:35, Maureen Doull 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, passed unanimously.

*Douglas J. Kendziorski*