

Bear Creek Township Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

5/2/2022

Bear Creek Township Hall

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Jerry Bush
- II. Roll call
 - a. Members present: Jerry Bush, Joe Villemure, Dave Farris, Doug Kendziorski. Tom Urman, Dan Goldsmith, Absent: Maureen Doull
 - b. Special Guest: Denny Keiser-Township Supervisor, Tim Knutsen from Beckett & Raeder
- III. Joe Villemure made a motion to accept minutes from the 4/11/2022 meeting. 2nd by Tom Urman, unanimously approved.
- IV. Tim Knutsen explained possible grants available for the kayak/canoe launch for Click Rd. property. He stated the design/engineering cost would run around \$5,000-7,000. He would write grant applications pro bono if we agreed to use Beckett & Raeder as the engineers for the design/build. Construction costs would be about \$150,000 for the ramp/docking area. This amount would not include any path, parking or restroom facilities. Grants are given out on a point system and he suggested we could possibly get points for a restroom that the North Country Trail users could utilize. Also, there may be points available for any invasive species and/or ADA accessibility.
- V. Spring Lake- Dennis Keiser stated the two new trash cans have been delivered to the park. Jerry Bush stated we have three bids to clean up all of the fallen trees at Spring Lake Park especially along Conley Rd. Drost Landscaping (\$17,270), Firman Tree Removal (\$17,312.50) and Little Traverse Tree Service (\$9,000). Joe Villemure made a motion to have trees removed by Little Traverse Tree Service, 2nd by Dan Goldsmith. Motion passed unanimously. Denny Keiser told us there were well issues at Spring Lake Park and they have been addressed. Unfortunately, it took three trips from well driller to finally get all of the problems fixed. The water tested fine, and we are waiting for the written copies of water report. Dennis Keiser stated the ceilings have been painted in the bathrooms and new LED lights have been installed in bathrooms. Gray's Cleaning service cleaned bathrooms to Dennis Keiser's liking after a second cleaning. The deck in front of the pavilion has settled slightly and will be addressed once the water levels go down. Dennis Keiser will be meeting Tim Knutsen at the park to discuss if there may be any grants available for the repairs and upgrades the park may need.
- VI. Jones Landing- Dennis Keiser stated water is turned on, but shower is still off until warmer weather. Temporary boat cleaning station is proposed for the last peninsula area before you leave park on the right. Doug Kendziorski made a motion for Walloon Lake Association to install the solar powered wash station along with the pad/ditch improvements at their cost on the last peninsula on right as you leave park. Dan Goldsmith 2nd the motion, passed

unanimously. Joe Villemure stated the bronze Jack Jones plaque would cost at least \$5000. Doug Kendziorski stated that we look at a marble plaque instead. Joe Villemure will be contacting a vendor in Central Lake to get pricing.

- VII. Click Rd. property- Joe Villemure stated this property should have more than just a kayak/canoe launch. A playground was discussed but no action taken.
- VIII. Dennis Keiser stated the State of Michigan owns the parking area behind D & W that a lot of people use to park and enjoy the beach and access the state park. The state park wants to block this off within the next year or so. Dennis Keiser and most of the committee members agreed that it would be a good gesture for us to purchase gravel for approximately \$3000 and have spread. Doug Kendziorski questioned why we would spend this money on property we don't own. Joe Villemure made a motion to approve Dennis Keiser to spend this money for gravel and hopefully road commission would agree to spread. Jerry Bush 2nd, passed unanimously.

Next meeting to be June 6, 2022 at 6 p.m. at the Click Road property, per Jerry Bush.

Doug Kendziorski made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:24, Dave Ferris Farris 2nd the motion, passed unanimously.

Douglas J. Kendziorski