

## Bear Creek Township Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

7/11/2022

Bear Creek Township Hall

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Jerry Bush
- II. Roll call
  - a. Members present: Jerry Bush, Joe Villemure, Dave Farris, Maureen Doull, Tom Urman, Dan Goldsmith, Doug Kendziorski
  - b. Special Guest: Denny Keiser-Township Supervisor, Tim Knutson from Beckett & Raeder
- III. Joe Villemure made a motion to accept minutes from the 6/6/2022 meeting with the correct spelling of his name in the motion to adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Goldsmith, unanimously approved.
  
- IV. Tim Knutson gave us an overview of what he thought needed to be done at the Spring Lake Park to bring it up to date, including new tile/ventilation, and some railing work. He stated that Doug Buday, a Harbor Springs architect would be willing to work with his firm to assist us in design. Denny Keiser gave an update of the issues at Spring Lake with the well that started to suck in sand and caused problems with the automatic shot off valves with the sinks and toilets. Lots of the 100 sprinkler heads are plugged and not working. Denny is working on these issues to get them fixed. Luttrell Well Drilling is currently drilling a new well and will be done soon with a VFD 3 hp pump to handle the irrigation load.

Tim Knutson is going to together a draft for a Passport Grant request as he explained we would have the highest likelihood of this over others the DNR offers.

Tom Urman requested he look into what is involved in a possible electric car charging station. Doug Kendziorski asked about USB ports at various locations.

Joe Villemure would like him to also include a bottle fill station and outdoor bike repair station.

Tim Knutson will also be in contact with the Tip of the Mitt Trail Council to see if they have any additional requests that may be included in this grant application as they use this park heavily for a trailhead. Tim explained the fee of approximately \$6500 would be waved if the township agrees to use Beckett and Raeder for the design/build fee of 15% of the project cost. This is the amount the state normal approves for such projects when approving grants.
- V. Tim Knutson will be applying for a grant for the kayak launch at the River Road property. This will be handled as above for payment if approved by the Township Board.
- VI. Jones Landing – Denny Keiser informed us a trash can burned completely the other night by the time the firefighths arrived. He had a new one shipped and installed within a week's time. The can was slightly less in expense then the insurance deductible so no claim will be applied for. The boat dry blowoff station has been set and in the first 2 ½ weeks there were 69 users. The plaque for Jack Jones will not be installed due to the fact the Township cannot use taxpayer funds to help financially with this per law. Joe Villemure and Dan Goldsmith will be exploring the best way to use the \$100 donation in Jack's name at the park.
- VII. Dave Ferris informed Dennis Keiser the visibility at the corner of Boyer and Country Club Road is not good. Denny Keiser will contact the Road Commission, Per Dennis, they are behind on trimming back road edge vegetation.

Next meeting to be August 1, 2022 at 6 p.m. per Jerry Bush.

Doug Kendziorski made a motion to close the meeting at 7:18 p.m. Joe Villemure 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed by unanimous vote.

*Doug Kendziorski*  
Secretary