

## Bear Creek Township Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

10/10/2022

Bear Creek Township Hall

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Jerry Bush
- II. Roll call
  - a. Members present: Jerry Bush, Joe Villemure, Dave Farris, Dan Goldsmith, Doug Kendziorski, Maureen Doull, Tom Urman
  - b. Special Guest: Denny Keiser-Township Supervisor, Tim Knutson from Beckett & Raeder
- III. Joe Villemure made a motion to accept minutes from the 9/12/22 meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Goldsmith, unanimously approved.
- IV. Tim Knutson gave us a revised overview of the kayak/canoe launch for the Click Road river front. He passed out a sketch, with some detail of parking, and circle drive/unloading area, as well as a custom launch pad. He explained how the users, including ADA people could use easily. Currently, there are no ADA specifications for an ADA launch. Denny Keiser stated we want to get points for the grant process with the ADA. Tim Knutson thinks the overall cost will be in the \$440,000 range, which he suggests we apply for the maximum of \$300,000 grant. Tim Knutson would like to wrap up the planning process by end of December so he can have three months to run through the grant process. Dave Farris asked about the pit toilet bathrooms. Currently, we are looking to have a two-toilet bathroom system. The bathroom will be located near the end of the cul-de-sac. There is a \$2500 line item for signage. Most of the path will be the finely crushed Afton stone. Doug Kendziorski suggested we have angle parking for trailers. Tim Knutson will be bringing in some information on the boat yack port dock option. This would need to be launched and taken out seasonally.

Tim Knutson to come to the next meeting with a revised parking plan and more information for us to review.

Tim Knutson then explained the new site plan for the Spring Lake Park starting with approximately 6 more parking spots, paved paths he highly recommended for connecting the current ADA paths to hard surfaces. The approximate \$171,000 cost didn't include the bathroom renovation. Denny Keiser recommended we add new trash cans around the parking areas as well as look at the condition of the original sign. The plan has an additional bike repair station and a cost saving landscape design along the area between highway and park. We will need to have a public hearing most likely in February. Tim Knutson to plan on doing a informational presentation for the township board most likely in February.

Denny Keiser stated Spring Lake and Jones to be winterized about the third week of October.
- V. Joe Villemure gave update on walnut needed for the Jones plaque. Looking at 12" x 24", he will be getting the print and picture put on plexiglas. Most likely it will run horizontally. Dan Goldsmith to get Doug Kendziorski the wood for process and finishing so it can be installed at the Jones Landing.
- VI. Dennis Keiser stated the dock at Jones Landing will be coming out sometime after October 20<sup>th</sup>.
- VII. Spring Lake Park well is about 240' deep. The estimate is \$25,000.
- VIII. Denny Keiser stated he thinks the milfoil around is getting pretty bad near the Jones Landing boat launch. He will contact Connor Dennis to see if the Walloon Lake Association can do something about this.
- IX. Next meeting to be November 7th, 2022, at 6 p.m. in the fire hall due to the election set up in the main hall, per Jerry Bush.

Dan Goldsmith made a motion to close the meeting, Maureen Doull 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed by unanimous vote.

*Doug Kendziorski*  
Secretary