Bear Creek Township Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

12/5/2022

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, Doug Kendziorski. Maureen Doull, Dave Ferris: Absent: Tom Urman, Dan Goldsmith
 - b. Special Guest: Denny Keiser-Township Supervisor, Tim Knutsen from Beckett & Raeder
- III. Jo Villemure made a motion to accept minutes from the 10/10/2022 meeting. 2nd by Doug Kendziorski, unanimously approved.
- IV. Tim Knutsen
 - Spring Lake- We received a plan with an estimate of costs. Tim Knutsen explained with the DNR Spark Grant we would be applying for would not need a blueprints to move forward. Tim Knutsen explained this is a 'no match' grant and explained due to Covid-19 our parks were heavily used and in need of upgrade. Their architect is working on wrapping up prints for the bathroom remodel. All roofing to be metal standing seem. Replace guard rails along wood walkway and keep deep water side at 33" for fishing opportunities. ADA accessibility for picnic areas. Tim Knutsen to measure the water walkway to possibly add new railing into the scope of the project. The recycled material used several years ago is sagging heavily and in need of replacement. Gate for park entrance needs replacement as well. Fishing deck railings need to be added. We will also be looking at upgrading the bark paths to concrete and/or finely crushed Afton stone. We should also look at light replacement on the wooden posts. The drinking fountain needs a water bottle fill. This can be an ADA accessible two height system. Tim Knutsen will be getting Denny Keiser an updated version of the handout for the Wednesday, 12/7/22 board meeting. Joe Villemure made a motion to accept the proposal. Maureen Doull 2nd, passed unanimously.
- V. Click Road Kayak Launch- Tim Knutsen shared with us an upgraded site plan with additional trailer parking and restroom. Maureen Doull expressed concern regarding the length of trail to carry kayaks to the river. Doug Kendziorski agreed and suggested a possible site to the East end of the property. Tim Knutsen will look at possibly moving the cul de sac closer to the river if possible or an alternative spot to the East.
 - Some additional funding could come from the Jordan Valley 45 of the North Country Trail Association. Support from the Bear River Water Trail will also support the application for the grant application.
 - Tim Knutsen to plan on coming back to the 1/9/22 with more information and upgraded.
- VI. Joe made a motion to accept the Bear Creek Township 2023 Regular Meeting Schedule provided by Denny Keiser. Dave Ferris 2nd, passed unanimously.
- VII. Dennis Keiser stated the wood is here for the plaque for Jack Jones is in the fire hall. Doug to pick up and mill.

Joe Villemure made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10, Maureen Doull 2nd, passed unanimous.

Next meeting to be January 9, 2023 at 6 p.m. at the township hall, per Jerry Bush.

Douglas J. Kendziorski