

Bear Creek Township Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

2/6/2023

Bear Creek Township Hall

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Doug Kendziorski
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Members present: Jerry Bush, Joe Villemure, Dave Farris, Maureen Doull-absent excused, Tom Urman, Doug Kendziorski, Dan Goldsmith-absent.
 - b. Special Guest: Denny Keiser-Township Supervisor, Tim Knutson from Beckett & Raeder, Steven Varnum from Bluebird Day Architecture
- III. Tom Urman made a motion to accept minutes from the 1/9/2023 meeting with the correct spelling of his name in the motion to adjourn. 2nd by Joe Villemure, unanimously approved.
- IV. Tim Knutson gave us a quick overview for the Spring Lake so we can get on the Bear Creek Board. Tim showed us a detailed plan with trying to minimize mowing and create new perennial beds between M119 and paved park area. He also showed us proposed new accessible paths to get around the park easier. The guard rail along the Spring Lake is also added/replaced as needed. Lastly, the restroom and pavilion get new metal roof to replace the cedar shakes. An additional bike rack and station is also in the plan. Steven Varnum showed the additional windows and skylights for natural lighting in the restrooms. He mentioned we would be looking at an electric heat pump ERV. Steven explained they really didn't reinvent the wheel, just replacement/upgrade to 2023 standards with lighting/plumbing fixtures/flooring options. Water bottle filler with the ADA fountain will be specified for the front of the building. Steven Varnum to add touching up of exterior of building with replacement of exterior trim/siding as needed and new paint to lighten up. Preliminary estimate still at \$550,000. We haven't heard back from the SPARK Grant, per Tim Knutson. By the time we get the grant money approval, architectural plans, and builders quoting, we are looking at fall/winter of '24 project. We should plan a public hearing with a plan put together by the Park and Recreation Committee.
- V. For Click Rd. kayak park, Tim Knutson modified the parking/traffic flow pattern. He also moved the entrance down closer to McDougal for a better flow of traffic. After the site gets officially flagged for wetland boundaries, we would like the unloading circle to be moved as close to the river as possible. Denny Keiser asked if we need a wetland buffer for a gravel turn around/parking area. Tim Knutson stated we are still looking at using a concrete vault ADA restrooms.
- VI. March 6th is the next scheduled meeting, but no need at this time to meet.
- VII. Jack Jones plaque needs to be 15" x 15". Doug will speak with his paint vendor to see if they'll donate the marine grade polyurethane. Joe will try to get the verbiage/picture donated as well.

Joe Villemure nominated Jerry Bush as chairman of the Parks and Recreation committee. 2nd by Dave Farris. Unanimously passed.

Joe nominated Dave Farris as Vice Chairman, 2nd by Doug Kendziorski, passed unanimously.

Joe Villemure nominated Doug Kendziorski as recording secretary, 2nd by Dave Farris, passed unanimously.

Next meeting tentatively to be April 3, 2023 at 6 p.m. at the township hall per Jerry Bush.

Doug Kendziorski made a motion to close the meeting at 7:22 p.m. 2nd by Dave Farris, passed by unanimous vote.

Doug Kendziorski
Secretary