

Bear Creek Township Public Hearing Meeting

March 8, 2023

Time: 6:40 p.m.

Motion by Golding to appoint Radatovich as chair. 2nd by Hoffman.

Passed

Roll Call: Hoffman, Golding, Radatovich
Absent: Urman, Keiser

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to review the proposed application for the trust fund grant for Spring Lake Park.

Radatovich shared that originally, the parks and recreation committee was working on two potential projects: upgrades to Spring Lake Park and creating a kayak launch on Click Rd. The costs came in quite a bit higher than the board expected, so the board decided to do one project at a time, starting with Spring Lake Park. Radatovich reviewed the site plan and presentation from Beckett and Raeder. The proposal would be to upgrade the Spring Lake Park bathhouse, along with new roofing for the bathhouse and pavilion. Additionally, new railings would be installed in the deck area, as well as a lower ADA accessible railing. More parking would be added, along with a pollinator garden. Lastly, part of the trail would be paved to improve park accessibility.

Tim Knutsen from Beckett and Raeder shared the schematic design. The upgrades include two portions; the first is architectural upgrades, which would improve the bathrooms for better lighting and ventilation. The sky lights would be put in to bring in more light, and we would also refinish the inside. They are proposing a stamped metal roof that resembles cedar shakes as a replacement. The pavilion roof would also be replaced. The second portion of the project is site improvements. This would primarily serve to better the accessibility of the park. Some of the trails would be paved to increase accessibility and lower maintenance. The railing would be upgraded and also lowered in areas for individuals in a wheelchair. There would be a few more spaces paved for parking. Lastly, they are proposing a pollinator garden, which will take some of the mowing off the schedule and will also clean the stormwater before it runs into the lake. The trust fund grant could get us up to \$300,000, and the township would have to provide a 25% match at a minimum, however, matching a higher amount will better your chances of getting the grant. The plan requires a formal resolution from the board.

Hoffman asked if there is any way to increase parking. Knutsen noted that we are maxed out for space for more parking.

Hoffman wondered if it would save cost to cut the pollinator garden out of the project. Knutsen noted it would save about \$60,000 of the project. However, having the garden would increase your points on the application.

Knutsen shared that the total estimate for the project is \$532,083.62. The grant is for \$300,000, so the township's contribution would be \$232,083.62. These costs reflect the construction cost plus contingency and inflation. If we apply for this grant this spring, the township would not be notified if we got the grant until December. Then the money becomes available in the following July. This would happen over a three year schedule.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 6:59p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emma Radatovich

Emma Radatovich, BCT Clerk