

LELAND TOWNSHIP PARKS AND REC COMMISSION

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Leland Township Library – Munnecke Room

203 E. Cedar St., Leland, MI

Minutes

PRESENT: Tim Zywicki, Leslie Maclin, Greg Mielczarek, Justin Acker, Susan Och

GUESTS: Kathy Dawkins

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLIANCE: Zywicki called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Maclin added discussion of swim area buoys at Nedows.

ACTION: Och moved to approve the agenda as presented and amended; supported by Mielczarek. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

April 2, 2024: Regular meeting, Parks and Rec Commission

Corrections: Maclin was spelled incorrectly one time. In #2 on page 1, “work” should be “maintenance and repairs.”

ACTION: Maclin moved to approve the minutes of April 2, 2024 as presented and amended; supported by Och. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

UPDATES

1. State of the Parks Rating System

Zywicki commented on the 4-point system used by Suttons Bay but could not share it because the Suttons Bay Board has yet to approve it. He will email it next week. Maclin share 2 rating systems that use a 3-point rating. There is also a 5-point rating system from New York to review. The committee will pick one to use at the next meeting.

Observations from parks: Justin Acker

Work was done on the Little League field.

Painting was done at Hancock Field.

There was discussion about the different soccer fields and the problems of each.

Acker will write up all the complaints so the parks can be rated.

ACTION ITEMS

1. CRP and Survey update

A) Maclin needs assistance with verbatims and pie charts. She is about a third of the way through a summary. Acker thought the verbatims would be organized by positive to negative. The comments were thoughtful. Acker does not have a format in Word to organize the comments. Acker asked for it to be sent as a PDF.

Mielczarek spoke with the baseball and soccer people.

- B) Sections assigned to P&R members to be completed by 5/10
Maclin sent out the template and assignments for the CRP.
A word document can be easily be put in the Powerpoint format of the CRP Plan.

C) Timeline review

2. Volunteer projects proposed

A) Hancock Field Pump House roof repairs

Jeff Keen contacted Och. They have been organizing repair work. They asked the Township if they could repair the roof.

ACTION: Och moved to approve the proposal from the Leland Comets Baseball Legacy Fund to repair the water well pumphouse roof at no cost to the Township; supported by Mielczarek. Motion carried. (Och abstained from voting as she will be voting on this motion at the Board meeting.)

Motion carried.

- B) Nedows Bay cleanup and Beach renewal – There is \$1000 in the budget for sand at Nedows Beach. Bob Schlueter wants to organize a work group at Hancock. He thinks he may be able to pass the hat to get more money for sand.

The kids at Leland had a Trash Pick-up day and were able to clean up a lot of trash.

C) Provemont Pond work party May 11?

Acker talked to Molly Steck about the Provemont Pond area. The trail is lined out. Acker would like to document the number of hours of volunteer work. It would be useful for our grant applications.

Garlic mustard is growing. Och is working on getting goats for eating up the garlic mustard. If it has to be hand pulled, it can be bagged and put in the dumpster at Clay Cliffs.

3. DNR Park update and recommendation to Township Board

The dock at the Leland launch was removed by the DNR. The launch area is owned by the DNR. Previously, the DNR offered to swap the Leland launch area for land and launch at Suelzer Park. Leland Township did not want to do the swap at that time. The DNR would still like to swap it. The P&R committee agreed they would like to obtain the Leland launch area and make it into a green area and park.

ACTION: Maclin moved to recommend to the Township Board to have a discussion with the DNR about swapping land and launch in Leland for equal square footage of land and launch at Suelzer Park; supported by Zywicki. (Och abstained from voting as she will be voting on this motion at the Board meeting.)

Motion carried.

There was discussion about having public bathrooms in Leland.

4. 2025-2026 Parks budgets

We have what we asked for this year in the budget. Zywicki suggested a millage. First step would be to prepare a realistic budget for what we would like to be done, and not a bare minimum budget for maintenance only. Also, estimates for maintenance from contractors need to be obtained. Clint Mitchell, Trustee, has received estimates for mowing. The total cost for mowing worked out to be about half of what we pay Ken Hagstrom currently. If maintenance is contracted out, we would need a point person to oversee the work. Once we get through the CRP, we could make a budget. In order to get grants, we would need a design plan. With that done, we could work on getting a millage vote.

5. Swim Buoys

Och asked for prices and they can be ordered.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathy Dawkins – She is running for Board trustee. She is in agreement with having a point person for coordinating work for the Parks & Rec committee and maintenance for the Township.

Leslie Maclin – She stated that someone needs to maintain the Township website.

Greg Mielczarek – He asked about needing to submit an RFP and getting 3 quotes, which is the procedure.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Och moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:05; supported by Acker. Motion carried.

The next meeting is June 4, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Kacin

Township Clerk, Lisa Brookfield

Date