

MINUTES
SUTTONS BAY TOWNSHIP BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 7, 2022

This is a combined meeting with the Township Park & Recreation Committee

CALL TO ORDER

Tom Nixon, Supervisor, called the Special Meeting of the Suttons Bay Township Board to order on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the Suttons Bay Township Offices.

Township Board Members Present:

Tom Nixon, Sandy VanHuystee, Dorothy Petroskey, Debbie Slocombe, Doug Periard

Pete Ostrowski, Chairperson, Parks & Rec Committee, noted members present.

Pete Ostrowski, Gary DeVol, Dennis Rathnaw, Liz Mahaney(zoom), Deb Palms(zoom), Elizabeth Clark.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dorothy Petroskey/moved, Sandy VanHuystee/supported, to approve the agenda, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

INTRODUCTIONS

Tom Nixon introduced the Township Board.

Pete Ostrowski introduced the Parks & Rec Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve a SPARKS Grant for additional pickle ball courts at Herman Park.
Discussion was held regarding the SPARKS GRANT.
 - Pete Ostrowski - Amount of grant to be determined, looking at \$140,000. If the grant is awarded can use it for the first two pickle ball courts and then use the funding for the next two pickle ball courts.
 - Bill Drozdalski - Working on the Grant.
 - Tom Nixon - At December meeting Township Board will consider approval of Resolution for SPARKS GRANT.

BUSINESS TO DISCUSS

1. Review Expectations for Park & Recreation Committee, Roles, and Responsibilities
Tom Nixon said the Township Board appreciates the work that Parks & Rec Committee does, may want

to have a joint meeting of Township Board and Parks & Rec Committee every year. Parks & Rec Committee proposals presented to the Township Board have been very helpful for the Board to make decisions. A copy of the Bylaws as of April 2022 were reviewed. Tom Nixon said Open Meetings Act is a good resource for the Committee.

Dorothy Petroskey said the Parks & Rec Committee Christmas Party should be noticed.

2. Discuss Ideas and Suggestions for the Five-Year Recreation Plan

- Pete Ostrowski - The Committee is putting a draft together to get started, only major activities after that would be doing community surveys.
- Bill Drozdalski - Need some direction from Township Board as to what it wants to see in the Five Year Recreation Plan before doing a survey.
- Tom Nixon - Township Board would expect to have input into the survey. The public should be able to guide the township on the parks. I would like to continue with the Monkey Survey.
- Dorothy Petroskey - Visions should be part of the Plan.
- Gary DeVol - MSU students are interested in doing a thesis on impacts of climate change in the tourism industry, something to consider in the Five Year Recreation Plan, how to adapt if things change.

3. Discuss Proposed Revisions to "The Parks Ordinance"

The Park Ordinance was reviewed by the Township Board and Parks & Rec Committee. Discussion was held regarding suggested changes to the ordinance. Tom Nixon noted the changes that have been made to the Parks Ordinance after discussion was held and will prepare the Parks Ordinance with the changes.

4. Other Items of Interest of Concern

Update on Dog Park

- Tom Nixon said the location of the dog park will probably be determined at the next township board meeting.
- Liz Mahaney - The committee has raised funds of \$32,000.00, have \$3,000.00 pledged, need \$12,500.00 in next 24 days.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Liz Mahaney said the tone of this meeting and effort of positive communication has been noted by her.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS -

None.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Minutes by Marge Johnson, Recording Secretary
Sandy VanHuystee, Clerk

Minutes approved as-presented on December 14, 2022

Minutes re-approved as-corrected on January 11, 2023