

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF ELMWOOD
Park and Recreation Committee Special Meeting
Elmwood Township Hall (10090 E. Lincoln Road, Traverse City, MI)
April 11, 2024 at 6:00 PM

a) Call to Order. Chair Kopriva called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM at Township Hall.

b) Roll Call: Committee members present were Sara Kopriva, Hannah Preston, Kyle Trevas, and Bryan Currie (quorum met). Not present was Ed Basile. Also present was Sarah Clarren.

c) Public Comment. None.

d) Agenda Modifications/Approval. *Moved by Trevas, second by Preston to approve the agenda as presented-U.*

e) Minutes. *Moved by Kopriva, second by Preston to approve the minutes for the Special Meeting of September 14, 2024-u.*

f) New Business:

1. Welcome new members. Clarren introduced Kyle Trevas as the new Township Board representative member as well as Bryan Currie.

2. Staff update(s). Clarren relayed that the Township has been working with its Engineers, the Road Commission, and Networks Northwest on a trail connection. The trail connection would run from Cherry Bend/M22 up to the TART Trail and then up to the Township Park system. The design hasn't been finalized. She mentioned that as the trail will end at the park, it may be good to have a connection from where the trail ends to the existing sidewalk within the park. The Committee decided that if the weather holds they can go on a walk through the park and discuss possibilities.

3. Cherry Bend Community Park discussion. Clarren relayed that conversations on the listed items will likely blend together.

i. Pickleball. The Committee reviewed the prepared sketch of a possible location for pickleball courts. This led to discussion on the baseball agreement, which the Committee noted is long expired. The Committee made no decision, but agreed that the pitching area proposed for pickleball is undersized for little league and may be best used as a different park amenity.

ii. Trail. The Committee briefly discussed connecting the trail to the existing sidewalk within the park. They agreed further discussion would be best after a walk through.

iii. Playground. Clarren said that she's working on quotes for equipment, including accessible swings and another accessible piece of equipment, as well as a piece for younger users. The Committee discussed options for placement and it was noted that if equipment is placed close to the ball fields, shielding from foul balls may be necessary.

4. Review baseball agreement. Clarren relayed that the Township Clerk received a call from the Traverse City Little League inquiring about the contract. After staff discussion, it was determined that the Committee may want to have a look and provide recommendations, if any, for modification(s) for a future contract. The Committee discussed the contract and suggested that any future contract be for 3-5yrs, include a map of the area that is subject to the license agreement, include parameters of the season, and detail on the season schedule.

5. Election of Chair, Vice-Chair, Clerk. The Committee was unanimously in favor of Kopriva remaining Chair. The Committee decided that a Vice-Chair and Clerk could be appointed at each

meeting, only if necessary.

6. Meeting Schedule. The Committee reviewed the prepared proposed schedule. *Moved by Trevas, second by Preston to approve the draft schedule as modified (clerical correction)-u.*

g) Old Business. None.

h) Comments from Committee Members and/or Staff. None.

i) Public Comment. None.

j) BREAK, with meeting reconvening for a walk from Township Hall to Cherry Bend Park Playground and then back to Township Hall. The Committee decided that due to the weather, the walk would be postponed until the next meeting.

k) Adjourn. With no further business, Kopriva adjourned the meeting at 6:57pm.