

**LELAND TOWNSHIP BOARD AND PARKS & REC COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, February 15, 2024, 2:00 p.m.**

**Leland Township Office**

**489 W. Main Street, Lake Leelanau, MI 49653**

**BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Treasurer Shirley Garthe, Trustee Clint Mitchell, Trustee Mariann Kirch, Supervisor Susan Och, Clerk Lisa Brookfield, Tim Zywicki

**PARKS & REC BUDGET – Points of discussion**

- Trash removal costs have increased.
- Public rest rooms costs have increased.
- The committee is requesting hiring a lifeguard for Nedow's Bay, 7 days a week. This would start on June 6. It was suggested that a lifeguard could be hired Wednesday through Sunday, starting in late June and running through early August. The Parks & Rec committee feel that a lifeguard at Nedow's is necessary. It is a dangerous area for swimmers because boats are coming in and out of the area continuously.
- Gas and diesel costs are up.
- Previously, Ken Hagstrom's wages were distributed throughout the budget. Wage and hourly rate were discussed. It is not known if Ken Hagstrom will be able to come back to work. We may have to outsource all of his duties. Outsourcing would have to be explored. We could divide the work between different companies and divide up the cost between capital outlay and maintenance. It should be left in the budget as is now.
- There was discussion about year-round portajohns at Van's Beach and Hancock. A portajohn costs \$125 a week. In the off season there are no rest rooms available.
- Mitchell would like to plug in previously discussed signs for \$2,000.
- There is a \$7,000 contingency line in the proposed budget.
- The Parks & Rec committee still would like to hire someone for a master plan design for the parks – particularly Hancock and/or Grove. Grants and state funding are not available unless there is a design plan. It is anticipated that a design plan would cost \$35,000.
- Mitchell asked for a list of all areas of mowing.
- Buoys and life rings could still be purchased out of this year's budget.
- There was discussion about what could be done to bring more funds to the Parks & Rec. Leland has many parks without a sufficient tax base to support them. Currently, the public does not want to fund anything extra. It is felt that a millage would not be successful.
- The Parks and Rec budget will have to be reworked.

The meeting ended at 3:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Kacin