

LELAND TOWNSHIP PARKS AND REC COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 15, 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: Ken Hagstrom, Kathy Dawkins

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLIANCE: Zywicki called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: Zywicki moved to approve the agenda as presented; supported by Och. Motion carried. 5,0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Several edits were noted by Machlin.

September 3, 2024: Regular meeting, Parks and Rec Commission

ACTION: Och moved to approve the minutes of September 3, 2024 as presented and amended; supported by Zywicki. Motion carried. 4,0

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

UPDATES

1. State of the Parks

Hagstrom is working on leaves. Work is being done on the trails on the west side of Provemont Pond. All docks are out except one. It is time to start taking out the porta johns and trash totes. One porta john will be left at Van's Beach all winter.

2. Budget 2024-2025

We have used about 50% of what was budgeted. The mower needed to be repaired. Supplies were purchased: new life rings and hooks. There was no response to the RFP concrete work for the public rest rooms. It probably won't get done this year. That work could be done in the winter. Acker will reach out to a business that does that kind of work. Another business was contacted but did not respond because they were too busy. There was discussion about what needs to be done. The work area could be tented off so it can be done in the winter.

There was miscommunication about the fertilizing. It cost \$1200 and Hancock was not fertilized at all. Phragmites treatment has been done. Sand was put in at Nedow's Bay. The lifeguard had only worked a couple of days. The Fire Department did the high lift work at Nedow's. There are no picnic tables at Suelzer. The spreading of wood chips at Grove was not done. Diamond dust was put down at Hancock. Cobbles could be used at the drop at the end of the Emilia's Landing launch. Buoys were put in the Narrows and the river. The cost for the buoys is shared with the LLLA. The water is tested

quarterly at Hancock and Drow Field. The school does the first one at Hancock. Och did two at Drow. There was discussion as to where the water is sampled.

There was discussion about the LLCA's offer of funds. LLCA is willing to get behind a project in the Lake Leelanau area with the Park and Rec. Right now, Parks and Rec needs a design plan for Township parks. It was asked if the LLCA could help with that. The LLCA meets on the last Thursday of the month.

ACTION ITEMS

1. CRP Update

Maclin discussed what still needed to be done on the CRP by committee members. Maclin also needs some admin help especially for descriptions and to move park descriptions into power point. Och has a deputy clerk that may be able to help with that.

2. Standards rating system for the parks

We need an objective rating system. We may be able to use what Suttons Bay used. Their CRP should be online. Zywicki will try to locate it. Och shared a list of structures that we have in our parks. The value of those structures needs to be determined. We can get replacement values from the insurance company and we could look at the research that went into the 2023 Sparks grant.

Och explained what is going on with the library property. The property is being transferred to the Library. They will finish the seawall project.

Och commented that we cannot adequately take care of all the needs of the parks' infrastructure without an increase in revenue.

Maclin also mentioned that none of our parks are ADA compliant.

A lot of frustration was voiced about the Board's unwillingness to help fund the needs of the Parks and Rec. department. There is a feeling that very little can be accomplished due to lack of funding.

3. Term schedule for the committee/explore new members

Zywicki would like to have more members on the committee. The Clerk was asked to define the term dates of the current members. It becomes confusing when new members are appointed take over the position of another who resigns before the end of their term. Maclin asked how terms in those situations are determined.

The subject was tabled for this meeting.

4. Discuss phase 2 of the trail at Provemont Pond and tire removal

Phase 1,2, and 3 of the Provemont Pond project was approved by the Township Board. However, a Township Board member stated that the Phase 2 work should stop until approved. The funds for this project are coming from a private source. The Township Board has asked for drawings of the trail. The drawings were submitted previously and the trail is currently marked and work is ongoing.

A company, Little Bear, was contacted about removing the tires from the Provemont Pond area. Little Bear did not want anything to do with the job. Acker will call Bay Area Disposal and ask for an estimate to clean up the tires.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathy Dawkins – After the upcoming election, there will be at least one new person on the Township Board. She encouraged the committee that things can change and Township business will be handled properly.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Och moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m.; supported by Zywicki. Motion carried. 5,0

The next meeting is December 3, 2024. No meeting is scheduled for November.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Kacin

Township Clerk, Lisa Brookfield

Date