

**LELAND TOWNSHIP PARKS AND REC COMMISSION**

**Tuesday, June 4, 2024, 5:30 p.m.**

**Leland Township Library – Munnecke Room**

**203 E. Cedar St., Leland, MI**

**Minutes**

**PRESENT:** Tim Zywicki, Leslie Maclin, Greg Mielczarek, Susan Och

**ABSENT:** Justin Acker

**GUESTS:** 9 in person

**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**

**ACTION:** Och moved to approve the agenda as presented; supported by Maclin. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

May 7, 2024: Regular meeting, Parks and Rec Commission

**ACTION:** Och moved to approve the minutes of May 7, 2024 as presented; supported by Meilczarek. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**UPDATES**

1. State of the Parks

Och toured the parks. The tires are still at Provemont. There has been some progress on the garlic mustard. Boats are tying up in the river even though there is no dock at the Leland launch.

Maclin reported on the rating of our parks. The grading of the parking lot at Hancock is the school's responsibility. The new signage at Provemont was pushed to July.

Budget 2024-2025

The flagpole at Suelzer was fixed for less than the \$500 budgeted. Diamond dust was applied to the baseball field. Schuelter has sand set aside for Nedows Bay.

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. Community Survey Review/Presentation

Maclin gave a presentation of the Community Survey. There were 242 responses. They were mostly Leland residents. The survey presented is in draft form.

The rating of our parks ranged from average to poor. Parks in neighboring townships rate significantly higher than Leland.

The condition of Grove Park and Hancock were of concern.

This survey could be used to help plan for Leland parks.

Kathy Dawkins asked about Clay Cliffs. Clay Cliffs belongs to Leland but Leelanau Conservancy has agreed to do the maintenance.

The survey will be available online.

The next step is to present the survey to the Board. Wyzicki suggested to have a workshop meeting with the Board.

Public comment – The survey is impressive and he wondered if other communities had rated their parks.

Parks and Rec has a low budget; enough to cover maintenance.

There has been some community effort to improve the parks.

2. CRP update and Revision of Timeline

The survey was extended for another 3 weeks. Stage 1 and 2 are scheduled to end in July. The CRP will have goals and objectives, but will not have funding designated for those goals and objectives. Grants will be sought for funding of improvements.

However, grants usually require matching funds.

3. Recruitment of lifeguards

The Fire Department has noted a need for lifeguards on their FB page. Notices could be put up in businesses.

4. Recommendation to Town Board to discuss with the DNR the options of the Carp River Launch

Och referred to an email conversation with Jordan Byelich. The DNR is not interested in a trade for Suelzer Park because they don't think the launch there is suitable. A long-term lease was suggested for the launch on the Carp River. An agreement would be written for this year only for the time being.

It was suggested that Leland should ask for first right of refusal if the state were to sell the launch area or maybe a 100-year lease. The DNR is not interested in disposing of the land at this point.

It is important to keep the area under local control.

The dock was removed by the DNR because of disrepair.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Betty Elliot- The tree that was taken down was an asset. Something should be done to replace it.

Mariann Kirch – She asked Och to share what she knows about the removal of the dock. She contends that Och knew about the removal.

Lynn Telgard - She would like to get permission from the DNR to replace the trees. (Rosinski, from the DNR, has stated that she plans to replant trees). If Leland leases the property, they could probably build something that could be taken out at the end of the lease. Telgard (Bluebird owner) commented that a ramp would impair their riparian rights.

She would be open to discuss all possibilities with the DNR/EGLE.

Skip Telgard - He stated that a skid dock is a small solution. How about removable docks?

**ACTION:** Zywicki moved to discuss with the Board the adoption of the Carp River launch, possible restrictions, and getting a first right of refusal if DNR should want to sell the property; supported by Maclin. Motion carried.

(Och did not vote because she would be voting on this at the Township meeting.)

Mariann Kirch – She has talked to EGLE about permitting and the answer was no.

Question from Public: Would Leland Township be part of the DNR discussion about the launch options?

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ACTION:** Zywicki moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.; supported by Och. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Kacin

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Township Clerk, Lisa Brookfield

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Date

