

East Bay Township Parks Commission
Special Meeting
Monday, April 20, 2009, 5:30 PM
East Bay Township Hall
1965 Three Mile Road North, Traverse City, MI 49686

Minutes:

Vice-Chair Rudolph called meeting to order at 5:43 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call Members Present: Rudolph, Couturier, Smith, and Truelove. Late arrival: Brown.

Absent: Macdonald and Biggs.

Approval of the Agenda –

Vice-Chair Rudolph requested adding Dan Schillinger to the agenda after the Treasurer's Report. Motion by Truelove to approve agenda with addition; seconded by Smith. Motion carried.

Approval of minutes of last meeting (Nov 10, 2008 and Mar 2, 2009) –

Smith suggested clarifying the last statement of the Nov 10, 2008 minutes regarding removal of signs to state the removal of No Horse signs.

Motion by Truelove to approve minutes of the Nov 10th meeting with clarification; seconded by Rudolph. Motion carried.

Motion by Rudolph to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2009 meeting; seconded by Smith; motion carried.

Board also discussed having Jerry Zeits attend all Parks Commission meetings. Truelove expressed concern that items that the board discusses which involve Zeits have not been getting relayed to Zeits when he is not in attendance. Board agreed to have letter written to township Superintendent Lyle requesting that Zeits attend all Parks Commission meetings.

Public Input (Other than agenda items) – N/A

Treasurer's Report –

Rudolph talked about the payment to Tina Allen for her work on the MI DNR Grant request. Board agreed to table this item until May meeting when a bill should be received from Tina.

Dan Schillinger –

Dan Schillinger updated the board on his attempts to get bids for thinning at Pines Park. He also mentioned that he had revised his contract with the board for this project. Couturier suggested putting this item on the agenda for the next meeting. Board agreed. Dan mentioned to the board that he had one bidder who was interested in doing the thinning, but at a much reduced price due to the difficulty in the project. He stated that if we approve to have this bidder do the thinning, it would be a positive cash flow. Rudolph asked Dan about his proposal for Killingsworth Park. Dan stated that he had not started on a proposal for this park as we were waiting to see what would happen with the Tom Strait property. He mentioned that he does have a grant to help with the cost of writing any future proposals for 2009. He also has a program that he can run the property through to check for threatened and endangered plant and wildlife species. Dan also

talked about a new program that the government is considering, which would offer a profit to entities that keep trees which are good for storing carbon dioxide.

Park Maintenance Report –

Jerry Zeits updated the board on maintenance at the parks. Rudolph gave Zeits a copy of the list that Truelove had typed up from the Tour of Parks on April 13, 2009. Rudolph to contact Dave Paulson regarding installation of the Pickle Ball equipment. He will coordinate between Paulson and Zeits for the installation. Zeits to check with Robyn @ DEQ regarding putting sand along walkway to water's edge. Rudolph to check with Steve Largent regarding railings @ #5.

Buffer Zone -

Rudolph mentioned Steve Largent's suggestion to putt up a 10 ft. wide Buffer Zone with plants/shrubs at #5 on each side of the stream. Motion by Couturier to allow Steve Largent of the GT Conservation District to proceed with Buffer Zone project at #5; Rudolph seconded; motion carried.

Cherry Tree Inn –

Board discussed item in packet regarding Cherry Tree Inn pursuing a permit to groom and grade areas of the beach. Couturier suggested pursuing a permit to do similar activity at Gens Park as the Cherry Tree Inn is proposing to do. Further discussion. Couturier suggested tabling this item until the next meeting. Board agreed.

Walk Through –

Board discussed this item along with Parks Maintenance.

Grant Discussion -

Rudolph asked about the MI DNR Trust Fund Grant request that went before the township board for approval. Truelove, Brown & Smith updated the board on the status and approval of this item. Rudolph updated board on status of the 3 grant requests for the Pickle Ball project. More information was needed by Rotary and the Oleson Fnd. Rudolph forwarded information to them.

Request from DNR Regarding Boat Disinfection Stations -

Board reviewed item in packet. Rudolph mentioned that he did not think this item was appropriate for our board to discuss. He suggested that this item should be forwarded to area associations such as Spider Lake Association or Arbutus Lake Association.

Other Business – none.

Next Meeting – May 4, 2009 at 6:30 PM.

Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

John Rudolph, Vice-Chair

Date

Laura Truelove, Secretary

Date