

East Bay Township Parks Commission
Regular Meeting

Monday, September 8, 2008, 5:30 PM
East Bay Township Hall
1965 Three Mile Road North, Traverse City, MI 49686

Minutes:

Chair Macdonald called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

Guests in audience: Sue Courtade - Jerry Zeits, Township employees; 11 members of the public.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call Members present: Chair Grace Macdonald, Chris Biggs, Laura Truelove, John Rudolph, Hal Miller, Jim Nadeau.

Absent: Louie Groleau

Approval of the Agenda –

Chair Macdonald requested to move item #7 to the end of the agenda.

Motion made by Biggs to approve Agenda; seconded by Nadeau. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes –

Motion by Truelove to approve June 2, 2008 minutes; seconded by Biggs. Motion carried.

Public Input –

Sue Courtade presented a request to the township to purchase the property on the corner of Hammond Road and Three Mile Road. She informed the board that the white house on the property would be removed and the red historical building on the corner would stay and could be used. The board discussed many options regarding the use of the red building and the property. Motion by Nadeau, seconded by Miller to have the Township Board proceed toward looking into purchasing this property and bring further information back to the Parks Commission for review. Roll call vote:

Yes – Miller-Nadeau-Macdonald-Biggs-Truelove

No – Rudolph

Motion carried.

Park Maintenance Report & Discussion–

Jerry Zeits commented on maintenance at the parks. Discussion about the purchase of a small play structure for Gens Park. Jerry mentioned that it would not be feasible as the foundation would have to be put deep into the ground and there is not enough room to do

this before water is reached. He also mentioned mowing and pulling weeds at Gens Park. He needs a permit from the DEQ to do this. He also thought this would be a good project for area scouts to do.

Disc Golf –

Todd Lewis remarked on his impression of Killingsworth Park for a Disc Golf Course. Discussion as to whether there is room for 9 holes or 18 holes there. Questions were entertained from the audience regarding this project. Todd mentioned that he would be hopeful to get financial support to help with costs – possibly from the Oleson Foundation and Rotary. Biggs requested that Todd design a layout and bring it back to the next meeting along with any further progress with obtaining financial support.

Pickle Ball – Paul Browning-

Paul Briody presented a request to install Pickle Ball courts at Grace Macdonald Park in the area where the skateboard park was. He gave a DVD presentation and handed out packets explaining the game and the layout with two proposals for the board's consideration. Questions and discussion regarding costs and requirements. The board asked the public members present if they would volunteer to help with the project. 8 members signed a register with their names and contact information. Motion made by Biggs, and seconded by Rudolph to get bids on re-surfacing the skateboard area at Grace Macdonald Park for Pickle Ball for either 2 or 4 courts and to put this project into next year's budget.

Yes - Nadeau-Macdonald-Biggs-Truelove- Rudolph

Abstained - Miller

Motion carried.

Pines Park –Fence-Signs-Contract -

Daniel Schillinger presented a letter he prepared to mail out to the neighboring residents of Pines Park, notifying them of the Parks Commission's intent to do a select harvest in Pines Park. Discussion about the letter. Board agreed to remove the last paragraph of the letter stating that an informational sheet would be included. It was agreed to state instead, that additional information would be available at the next board meeting. Truelove suggested that the letter should be on the board stationary and come from the board and not from Daniel. Board agreed.

Grants –

Truelove updated the board on the status of the three grants she has been working on for the board. Rudolph suggested that the board concentrate on the one grant for Pines Park for now. Board agreed.

Playground Equipment-

Pines Park update on fence installed & signs up along with ATV barricades. Board requested that Miller check with Steve Largent for a bill from him.

Copy of Map for Parks–

Jerry has maps of the township parks laminated. He asked the board where to put them at Gens Park; Grace Macdonald Park; #5. Board suggested putting a map on the outbuilding at Gens Park, and on wooden posts at the other parks.

Plaque –

Chair Macdonald mentioned that the Arbutus Lakes Association asked to put up a plaque in memory of three individuals for their work on treating milfoil at Arbutus #5. They will do the plaque, they just want permission to put it up. Board agreed to approve letting them put a plaque up.

Treasurer’s Report –

Board reviewed the financial statement handed out. Discussion on transferring any left over monies to next year’s budget. Motion by Rudolph, seconded by Macdonald to approve the budget as amended for 2009 at \$72,200.00. Motion carried.

.Next Meeting –October 6, 2008 6:30 PM.

Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Grace Macdonald, Chair

Date

Laura Truelove, Secretary

Date