

East Bay Township Parks Commission
Regular Meeting

Monday, July 7, 2008, 7:30 PM
East Bay Township Hall
1965 Three Mile Road North, Traverse City, MI 49686

Minutes:

Chair Macdonald called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Guests in audience: 2

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Absent: Hal Miller

Approval of the Agenda –

Chair Macdonald added an item to Other Business – skateboard at GM Park

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

Approval of Minutes –

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

Public Input –

Bob Perry had a question to his copy of minutes, but was informed that the minutes had been revised since his copy and the board agreed to use the most recent revision for the approved minutes and not his version.

Treasurer's Report –

Rudolph questioned which expense listed was for the wood chips used under the new play structure at GM Park. Further discussion with other items questioned. Chair Macdonald suggested we table this item until we can get accurate information from the township for expenses listed on Treasurers Report.

Park Maintenance Report & Discussion–

Chair Macdonald read a list of the numerous projects that Jerry Zeits has accomplished. All board members commented on what a great job he is doing for our township!

Disc Golf –

Chair Macdonald received a letter to the board from Todd Lewis in regard to his request for Disc Golf. Truelove read the letter to the board. The board discussed which park would be feasible to consider for this project if approved by the board. It was agreed to have a special meeting to go to Hickory Hills Disc Golf Course to see what would be involved with this project. The board will meet Monday, July 14, 2008 at 7 PM at the township hall and travel to Hickory Hills.

Todd Lewis talked to the board about possibly putting up a disc golf course on one of the township park's property. After some discussion, Chair Macdonald suggested that we table the discussion until further investigation can be made as to cost and work involved.

Killingsworth Park Grants –

Tom Strait mentioned to the board his trouble getting in touch with Matt from the GT Regional Land Conservancy to assist Truelove with the Grant process for his proposal. He and Truelove assured the board that they would meet and get the grant done by the August 1, 2008 deadline.

Pines Park – Tree Harvesting – Fence-Signs-Contract -

Chair Macdonald told the board that she believed that the contractor had begun to put up fencing. Signs are still needed. Biggs gave estimates that she had from two companies for signs – 100 “No Motorized Vehicles” and 100 “No Horses” signs

- Signs Now: 4” x 8” = \$665.30
8” x 8” = \$1320.66
- Fast Signs: 4” x 8” = \$2384.89
8” x 8” = \$2637.78

She also has a call in to Day Signs, but had not received a response as of meeting time. Discussion as to the different materials used by the two companies listed. It was agreed that the material used by Signs Now was a better and more durable material and a better estimate.

Motion by Truelove to approve purchase of signs pending Day Signs estimate; seconded by Rudolph. Motion carried.

Chair Macdonald also mentioned that the contract for tree harvesting at Pines Park was brought in to the township for approval by the township lawyer and then by the township board.

Playground Equipment Spring Toys-Net-Backboard -

Chair Macdonald commented that a new spring toy, a new net and the backboard had all been installed at parks. Rudolph passed around to the board catalogs with ideas for small play structures to be put up at Gen Park. He also found ideas for replacing the large grille at GM Park which rusted out.

Motion to approve purchase grille number SB3628U for GM Park made by Biggs; seconded by Nadeau. Motion carried.

Rudolph offered to get more information and prices for the small play structure.

Day Camp –

Chair Macdonald stated that the camp started with only 8 kids. She called the YMCA and their numbers were down also, due to Cherry Festival. Last year at this time she stated that there were 30 kids. She will report the camp's attendance status at the next meeting.

Copy of Map –

Nadeau presented to the board copies of the map to have laminated and posted at the townships 7 parks. Discussion of corrections that were made to the map for the Recreation Plan. Nadeau to take the corrected map and get 10 copies made and laminated. The board will ask Jerry Zeits to make frames for them and to post them. Also to post one at the township hall.

Marge's Rock & Plaque –

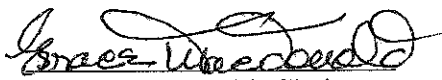
Groleau used his tractor to bring a large rock down to the township hall to use for posting and displaying Marge's plaque. The board agreed to go out and view and approve the rock after the meeting.

Other Business –

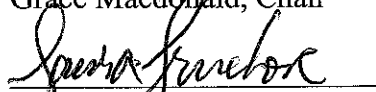
Rudolph mentioned that he knows someone who has a skateboard half pike ramp. He could see if they would be interested in making a deal for us. Chair Macdonald stated that if someone wants to donate something to the township they can get a write-off for a donation to a non-profit. Rudolph will pass this information on to this person. She also mentioned that the board received \$97.75 for scrap for selling the large slide from GM Park. Truelove mentioned her trouble getting in touch with someone named Joyce from the GTB Indians. She did contact Mary Shomin who is in charge of the Bands 2% Allocation Grant and received paperwork for this grant. She will work on this and report back to the board.

Next Meeting – August 11, 2008 5:30 PM – Chair Macdonald pointed out the early time due to elections.

Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.


Grace Macdonald, Chair

7-7-08
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Laura Truelove, Secretary

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