

East Bay Township Parks Commission
1965 N. Three Mile Road, Traverse City, MI 49686
Regular Meeting June 1, 2009 6:30 P.M.

Call To Order: Chair Macdonald called meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance –

Roll Call –

Members Present: Macdonald, Rudolph, Truelove, Biggs, Couturier, Smith, Brown.

Guests: Dave Paulson, Paul Briody, Todd Lewis.

Approval of the Agenda –

Chair Macdonald requested to add Parks Extension under Other Business.

Motion by Rudolph to approve the agenda as amended; seconded by Biggs.

Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes of The Last Meeting (4/13, 4/20, 5/4, 5/18, 2009) –

Motion by Couturier to approve the 4/13/09 Tour of Parks minutes; 2nded by Biggs.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Smith to approve the 4/20/09 Special meeting minutes; 2nded by

Chair Macdonald.

Carried.

Motion by Biggs to approve the 5/4/09 minutes as previously amended; Chair Macdonald 2nded.

Motion carried.

Motion by Couturier to approve the 5/18/09 Special Meeting minutes; 2nded by Biggs.

Motion carried.

Public Input – N/A

Treasurer's Report –

Chair Macdonald suggested tabling budget worksheet item until the end of the meeting. Board agreed.

Park Maintenance Report & Discussion –

Board reviewed notes from Jerry Zeits as to status of maintenance of all parks.

Disc Golf – Cost –

Todd Lewis updated board on status of this project. Lewis estimated costs at approx. \$800 per hole for a total of \$14,400 for 18 holes. He would request 2 additional holes for practice holes. He has 11 sponsors @ \$500 per hole so far, which would cover a t-box, bench and sign at each hole. He hopes to apply for grants to cover \$450 per hole. Board discussed option of where to put the course. Truelove suggested the board walk Killingsworth Park – NW corner of the park. Board agreed. Motion by Couturier to approve allowing the use of Killingsworth Park for the Disc Golf project, providing that the board can agree on specific location at the park; 2nded by Biggs.

Motion carried.

Chair Macdonald suggested the board meet Monday, June 8, 2009 at 5:30 PM to walk the park and view this trail. Paul Briody updated the board on revised bids received. Dave Paulson updated the board on costs for nets & posts for the three courts, and the status of grants. Rudolph suggested board compromise on expenditures until notice is received regarding the grants requested.

Motion by Biggs to accept the SRW bid for cement; 2nded by Chair Macdonald.

Motion carried.

Motion by Biggs to approve Durable Fence bid of \$4,650/fence and \$750/nets & Posts for a total of \$5,400.00; 2nded by Rudolph.

Motion carried.

Motion by Truelove to approve \$2,900 be taken from Engineering Expenses line item on budget and be put into a new line item #752.00 – Pickle Ball; 2nded by Brown.

Motion carried.

Motion by Biggs to go ahead with Pickle Ball Court Project with the bids approved at tonight's meeting: SRW/cement & Durable Fence/fence, nets & posts; 2nded by Couturier.

Motion carried.

Signs Up At The Pines –

Chair Macdonald told board about someone pulling down all of the signs at Pines Park. Chair Macdonald asked Smith to talk to Jerry Zeits about putting the signs up higher.

Articles for the Newsletter (June 12th) –

Chair Macdonald asked Rudolph to write an article for the 6/12/09 newsletter from the Parks Board.

Forestry – Letter –

Chair Macdonald asked Truelove to write thank you letters for Dan Schillinger.

Thank You Letters –

Truelove to write thank you letters for several people involved in recent Parks Commission projects.

Grants – Report-Oleson Fund -

Board agreed to not re-submit grant request to Rotary for the PB project.

Secretary help –

Motion by Biggs to hire a secretary for the board at \$60 per meeting starting at July, 2009 meeting and to go through the end of 2009. Truelove would review minutes and continue to sign along with the chair. Board to discuss option for next year’s budget; 2nded by Rudolph.

Motion carried.

Couturier to contact person for secretary position.

Other Business - Parks Extension Acquisition –

Couturier told board about request from MI DNR Recreation Grants. Board agreed to have Couturier ask Tina Allen to go to this meeting and make a presentation on behalf of the Parks Commission. Couturier will take photos and put together a power point presentation.

Biggs suggested tabling the budget review until July meeting so board has a chance to review. Chair Macdonald mentioned that Supervisor Lyle needs the revisions by 7/31/09.

Next Meeting July 6, 2009 at 6:30 PM.

Adjournment - Meeting Adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Grace Macdonald, Chair

Date

Laura Truelove, Secretary

Date