

East Bay Township Parks Commission
Regular Meeting

Monday, June 2, 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 7:31 PM.

Guests in audience: Jerry Zeits, Bob Perry Township employees
Four (4) members of the public were in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Approval of the Agenda –
Added Other Business.

Approval of Minutes –
Corrected date for Tour of Parks to show May 12, 2008.
~~Motion by Nadeau to approve May 5, 2008 minutes; seconded by Miller. Motion carried.~~

Public Input –
Jan Hinds asked why the minutes stated that accidents were occurring at Kelly Park. Truelove answered that this is what Bob Perry had stated at the last Parks Commission meeting. Bob Perry stated that two pontoons had rolled over and there have been other problems with boats at the launch. Rudolph clarified that the property owners would like the launch improved for their ease of use, but not to the extent that other people will be encouraged to use it. Jerry Zeits reported that two trees have been removed there. Chair Macdonald suggested that the property owners get together and form an association to protect the launch and have some rules for its use.

Treasurer's Report –
None – usually given bi-monthly.

Park Maintenance –
Jerry Zeits reported that a pothole had been fixed at Gen Park; the backboards were put up at Pine Grove Park; the tetherball is up at Killingsworth; the broken spring toy was removed at #5; at Grace Macdonald Park the tennis courts are done, new nets are up, he

sprayed for weeds and the parking lot was graded. The tennis courts are draining better now. The big slide went to Rifkin and the money for it will be sent to the Parks Commission. The small slide is at the shop to have the posts repaired. Chair Macdonald remarked that #5 had also been re-paved and that the new playground equipment was up and wood chips down under it at Grace Macdonald Park. Chair Macdonald extended a big thank you to John Rudolph for all of his work on the new playground equipment at Grace Macdonald Park! Jerry Zeits asked about how to handle a fence and sign that had been put up at Indian Lake. Miller suggested talking to our township Deputy.

Other Business –

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.

Daniel Schillinger of Schillinger Forestry LLC talked to the board about our forest management-tree harvesting plan at Pines Park. He discussed what the contract would include and what his fee would be. Miller suggested that we need to vote on the contract and then send it to the Township Board for approval. Miller motioned to accept Daniel Schillinger's contract. Chair Macdonald seconded. Motion was carried. Chair Macdonald to check with Township Board to see if we need their approval.

Fencing, ORV Barriers & Etc. – Pines –

Miller had not heard from Steve Largent. He will contact him.

Killingsworth Park Grant –

Truelove had not heard from Tom Strait as to a meeting with the Land Conservancy regarding the grant. She will contact Tom and set up a meeting.

Work To Be Done At Parks –

Truelove handed out a list of suggestions for work to be done at all parks from Parks Commission members Tour of Parks. Miller suggested adding the sealing of the parking lot at Gen Park.

Playground Equipment – Grant –

Township Board has money and wants to buy playground equipment. After some discussion, Chair Macdonald suggested that the board table this item until the next meeting.

New Playground Equipment at Grace Macdonald Park –

Chair Macdonald complimented Rudolph on the good work he did on the new equipment.

Cherry Tree Inn –

Truelove passed around a copy of an article from the TC Record Eagle about the Cherry Tree Inn being in trouble over Gens Park and adjacent property clean up. No response

from Joe Quandt regarding the boards request to include East Bay Township in their maintenance plan.

Tennis Courts –

Chair Macdonald reported on good work done by Sure-Seal to the tennis courts at Grace Macdonald Park.

Copy of Map –

Nadeau did not do anything with the map from the Recreation Plan yet as we need to decide where to place the maps and which parks they would get put up at. Chair Macdonald suggested that this could be a winter project for Jerry Zeits. Nadeau to try to get an enlarged map with good resolution for displaying at the parks.

Miller reported on prices for signs. After some discussion regarding prices and size of signs, Miller decided to get more information.

Rudolph asked if the board would still want a new skateboard ramp at Grace Macdonald, and might know someone who would donate one if they can get a write-off as a donation to a non-profit organization. All members agreed.

Next Meeting – July 7, 2008 7:30 PM.

Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 9:22 PM.

Grace Macdonald, Chair

Date

Laura Truelove, Secretary

Date