

Parks and Recreation Committee
Clearwater Township, Kalkaska County, Michigan
Regular Meeting of January 4, 2022 at 6:00 PM
Meeting held in-person at the Little Red School House, 5407 River St, Rapid City, Michigan
MEETING MINUTES
Approved 2/1/2022

Mission Statement: *We work to provide clean and safe recreational areas for our residents to enjoy the outdoors and provide diverse recreational opportunities for the social, cultural, and physical well-being of our residents for present and future generations. We strive to protect the natural habitat and special outdoor places that enrich our lives and community.*

- A. Call to Order at 6:04 PM
- B. Roll Call and Recognition of Visitors - present:
 - a. Kristi Spencer-Nemec, Kelli Melenyk, JoAnne Childs, Margret Spann, Jeff West
- C. Public Comment (3 minutes)
 - a. West voiced concerns grading Freedom Park West before placing Old Iron Bridge into its location, as well as grading needs at the entrance and walkways. He suggested transitioning the old iron bridge into a covered bridge. He also suggested power upgrades to properly support community events. He recommends requesting a letter of intent from the board to improve the lake access road endings and decrease liability to use when seeking grants.
- D. Additions/Approval of Agenda
 - a. MOTION by Childs to approve the agenda, seconded by Melenyk, motion carried.
- E. Corrections/Approval of Minutes from last meeting
 - a. MOTION by Spencer-Nemec to approve the minutes, seconded by Childs, motion carried.
- F. Reports
 - a. Chairperson: Kristi Spencer-Nemec
 - i. Verified 2022 meeting schedule and requested budget
 - b. Vice Chairperson: Kelli Melenyk
 - i. Prein&Newhof updates - still waiting on Supervisor or Clerk's signature for 5 year Master Plan Contract
 - c. Secretary: open position
 - d. Board Representative: JoAnne Childs
 - i. Update on the care of our parks
- G. Other Reports
 - a. Community Events: Israel Garza
 - i. Updates on potential events
 - 1. Thank You Dinner for Garden Gals/ Volunteers
 - 2. Winter BBQ or Winter Festival
 - 3. Fundraisers
 - b. Garden Gals
 - c. Parks and Rec Budget: \$5k, remaining = \$2,152.03
 - i. \$500 towards flowers and flags for cemetery

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- i. \$279 spent on 288 flags for the cemetery
- ii. \$250 supplies/material for Freedom Park Work-Bee
- iii. \$149 Garden Gals - Water Bladder
- iv. \$59 Typeform Online Survey
- v. \$371 towards flowers and gardening supplies
- vi. \$55.90 No Kayak Launch Sign
- vii. \$676.28 Clear plastic tarps for Heritage Park pavilion
- viii. \$386.79 towards lumber and supplies for Heritage Park pavilion
- ix. \$400 backyard ice rink liner

H. Old Business

- a. Lake Accesses - seeking local grants and funding for repairs and improvements
- b. Heritage Park - Ice Rink
 - i. MOTION by Spencer-Nemec to approve up to \$400 for 40'x70' backyard rink liner, seconded by Childs, motion carried.
- c. Damaged trees at Freedom Park
 - i. Spencer-Nemec will be reaching out to the parents and requesting they attend our February 1st meeting at 6 PM with their teens for us to talk through the community service requirement and expectations. We are recommending 40 hours of community service, wrapping up with a 15 minute presentation to our committee on nature and tree health from what they learned through this experience. We would like to offer an option for time invested in local nature schools and survival education programs, such as Humans Nature School, Grand Traverse Conservation District, AuSable, Grass River, etc., to be able to count towards their 40 hours. If they agree to this, Childs will be our committee member overseeing their time spent in our community.
- d. Old Iron Bridge relocation
 - i. The surveyors marked out the general area where the Old Iron Bridge will be going and they will be getting their information to Eric Seguin civil engineer of Prein and NewHof and also Otwell Mawby who will be doing the soil boring in the near future.
- e. Heritage Park -what will it take to get ball fields playable in the spring? Red clay, etc.
 - i. Jared Stumm and Andrew Hulbert may be willing to assist with compensation
- f. *Future meetings:*
 - i. *Freedom Park: Painting East and West Pavilions and Birch St. Access*
 1. *Add portable commercial BBQ pit to Master Plan*
 2. *Add 5 dog station bundle*
 - ii. *Lawyers interpretation of Road End Laws includes allowance of picnic tables and benches - for Paddle Antrim and developing Aarwood Trail non-motorized launch all lake/river accesses.*
 - iii. *Brittany Moazeni willing to take park pictures in the spring for banners - revisit in the spring for monetary compensation.*

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- iv. *Heritage Park:*
 - 1. *Install dog waste stations and signs with trash bins around walking path*
 - 2. *What will it take to get ball fields playable in the spring?*
- v. *Webpage updates: texting important updates, donations for projects, lists of what can be sponsored, individual park pages, link to ATV/ORV trails, (use gtrlc.org as an example website).*
- i. *Memorial benches, picnic tables, plaques and bricks*
- vi. *Pro Image quote for Rapid City signs - \$8,982.50 for 2 "Welcome" and 4 "Thanks for visiting" as well as refurbishing existing 2.*

I. New Business

- a. Review needed contracts
- b. Major spring events and other 2022 events?
 - i. Fire Departments East Egg Hunt
 - ii. Evening on Rapid River?
 - iii. Fall Freedom Run?
- c. Division St. Lake Access has 34 dead trees and Lars submitted a bid of \$9,800 to remove them.
- d. Focus on fundraising and fundraising events for capital improvements
- e. Ask board to approve ordering 5 dog waste stations for \$999

J. Public Comment (3 minutes)

- a. West suggested adding a single pitch roof and led solar lighting to RC signs. He recommended talking to the board about renting sign time for local businesses to advertise, displayed x hours per week for x amount. He also suggested P&R requested a motion by the board to assign a percentage of all recreation income back to P&R budget for maintenance, repairs, and upgrades. He recommended allowing alcohol in the park for events to increase participation.
- b. Spann suggested creating a list of steps, timeline, and checklist for events planning, including an abort-by timeline.
- c. Childs suggested requesting the board vote to put a .25 or .5 mil for P&R improvements on the ballot for the public to vote.

K. Adjournment -

- a. MOTION by Spencer-Nemec to adjourn at 8:00 PM, seconded by Melenyk, motion carried.

Next meeting Tuesday, February 1, 2022 from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM