

Parks and Recreation Committee

Clearwater Township, Kalkaska County, Michigan

Regular Meeting of August 17, 2021 from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Meeting held in-person at the Little Red School House, 5407 River St, Rapid City, Michigan

MEETING MINUTES

Approved 9/21/2021

Mission Statement: *The Parks and Recreation Committee works 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.*

Welcome, we are glad you are here to support our community! We encourage you to participate and be respectful of time as we strive to start and end all meetings within our scheduled window of time.

- A. Call to Order - 6:04 PM
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Moment of Silence
- D. Roll Call and Recognition of Visitors -
 - a. Committee Members: Kristi Spencer-Nemec, Kelli Melenyk, JoAnne Childs,
 - b. Not present: Israel Garza
- E. Additions/Approval of Agenda
 - a. MOTION by Spencer to approve the agenda, seconded by Melenyk, motion carried unanimously.
- F. Corrections/Approval of Minutes from last meeting
 - a. Meleynk amended phrasing on H.vi. to match the DNR wording: Universally accessibility assessment and scoring for DNR
 - b. MOTION by Spencer-Nemec to approve the amended minutes, seconded by Childs, motion carried unanimously.
- G. Reports
 - a. Chairperson: Kristi Spencer-Nemec
 - i. What's on the agenda this year for holiday decorations, lighting or banners?
 - 1. New wreaths were purchased last year for light poles.
 - 2. Create a flyer for families/businesses to decorate a pole for fall.
 - a. Decorating window from Sept 13-27.
 - b. Events Committee to host chili cook-off in October for voting/results
 - ii. Township Maintenance resigned
 - iii. Trash Can maintenance at the parks and accesses
 - 1. GFL weekly route is \$21/mo per bin.
 - 2. Customer Quality Waste Disposal is \$75/quarter per bin
 - 3. Area Waste
 - iv. Tree down across path at Freedom Park - addressed
 - v. R.A.W payment and contract

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- vi. Bricks.R.US
- vii. No updates -
 - 1. Creating by-laws
 - 2. Creating letterhead
 - 3. Requests for memorial bench and memorial brick
 - 4. Waiting on response from T.A.R.T and K.A.R.T
- b. Vice Chairperson: Kelli Melenyk
 - i. Updates on Parks and Recreation Master Plan
 - 1. Survey online and on paper
 - ii. Updates on Ryan Williams donating a Kayak launch for our bayou access.
- c. Secretary: open position
- d. Board Representative: JoAnne Childs
 - i. The care of our parks - board members are volunteering time to maintain parks and trash removal
 - ii. Possibly another volunteer work bee: the 4 pavilions need to be blown off and power washed especially since we are renting them out.
 - iii. Filled out a work order for Dan Castle and his inmate crew to clear the rest of the main street islands when able so we can start dividing flowers and planting new donations this fall. Have had a lot of compliments on how nice the street they've worked on looks.
 - iv. Creating a brochure for our area. Tina Fields and I have been discussing the need. It can include area attractions, maps, businesses etc.
 - v. Person interested in picture taking and helping create banners for our street lights.
 - vi. New/large sign for south of town - Welcome to Rapid City, Clearwater Township, Gateway to the Chain of Lakes - Thank you for visiting Rapid City, Gateway to the Chain of Lakes
 - 1. As large as zoning allows
 - 2. LED lights for sign
 - 3. 60' pine tree able to be decorated around Christmas time
 - 4. Kevin Aretta (Durkie Heating and Cooling/ A+ rentals) has offered space where the old/faded sign was, to pay for electricity for lighting, and to maintain a flower bed under the sign.
- e. Events Coordinator: Israel Garza
 - i. Updates on potential events
 - 1. October Chili Cook-Off?
 - 2. Community Garage Sale
 - 3. Fairy Garden/ Fairy Trail development Heritage Park
 - 4. Evening on Rapid River - in discussion
 - ii. Veteran's Day, Thursday, November 11 - plan a pinning ceremony with luncheon

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H. Other Reports

- a. Juniper Garden Club
- b. Garden Gals
- c. Clearwater Clean-up Crew

I. Parks and Rec Budget: \$5k, remaining = \$2,972

- a. \$500 towards flowers and flags for cemetery
 - i. \$279 spent on 288 flags for the cemetery
- b. \$250 supplies/material for Freedom Park Work-Bee
- c. \$200 Heritage Park ball fields diamond dust (2 tons) and delivery
- d. Heritage Park sprinkler system contract \$650, \$220 on irrigation rotors
- e. \$149 Garden Gals - Water Bladder
- f. \$59 Typeform Online Survey

J. Old Business

- a. Future meetings:
 - i. Freedom Park:
 - 1. Look into local artists or NMC arts classes to paint mural under bridge
 - 2. Painting pavilions at Freedom Park East and West and Birch St. Access
 - ii. Look up Road End Laws of the township for Paddle Antrim and developing Aarwood Trail non-motorized launch, Birch St. and Cedar St. accesses
 - iii. Heritage Park:
 - 1. Install dog signs and more dog waste stations with trash bins around the walking path at Heritage Park
 - 2. Grounds and field maintenance from April to November (revisit in January - public notice for bids)
 - 3. Including chalking, fertilizing, mowing, weed whacking, dragging infield, irrigation
 - 4. Secondary line off well pump and new pressure tank to add water hose and drinking fountain (revisit in January - public notice for bids)
 - iv. Spring plant donation / community downtown gardening workbee

K. New Business

- a. What needs to be presented to the Board?
- b. MOTION by Melenyk to move P&R meetings to the first Tuesday of each month beginning in October, second by Childs, motion carried unanimously.

L. Public Comment

- M. Adjourn - MOTION by Spencer-Nemec to adjourn at 7:54 pm, second by Meleynk, motion carried unanimously.

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM