

Park and Rec. Meeting 6/26/14

Present: Timmins, Kaetchen, Guy, Goss, Challender, Kerns, Yamaguchi

Feringa –excused.

Staff: Henkel

Called to order at 6:05

Jay Zollinger addressed an email from Mark Guy questioning why there was parking at the emergency entrance by Marina owners and the presence of dock on township park land. Zollinger gave permission for the company working on the dock to park on the south end and to use the park land to place machinery needed to replace the dock.

LaPoint makes a point that by allowing them to park on the township park, the township has saved them the expense of using a barge. As good neighbors he feels they should make a donation to the shoreline as a neighborly gesture.

Timmins stated that she feels that those on the committee that brought the parking on township property up, were not concerned about the workers on the property as much, but by the use of the emergency vehicle access area by the marina boat owners.

Zollinger stated that the locks will go back on as soon as the work is done and there will be access by no one other than emergency officials or township staff conducting approved activities.

Guy pointed out that the south end emergency access was for emergency vehicles only and felt it was wrong to let the boat owners and charter boat operator's park there.

Challender stated that they were using park land property but that they wouldn't let township residents put a slip in, in their marina.

Zollinger said it would be finished and the gates closed in 2 weeks or less.

Zollinger addressed the trees taken down at Bunker Hill Rd.

Guy thought it was part of the plan to leave it in

Timmins asked how it would affect the grant

Guy asked how much it cost to take the trees down

Goss asked if the township paid for all the tree removal.

Zollinger stated it was only a couple thousand and that the township had paid for it all.

Public comment: none

Motion to approve minutes made by Guy 2<sup>nd</sup>. Challenger

Motion carries

Challender talked about connecting with the officer in charge of work release, with 6 weeks to a month notice should not be a problem. Jack explained the process needed to get workers on work release. Discussed using them for Autumn Olive removal.

Autumn Olive- Discussed mapping Autumn Olive areas with GPS and creating a grid of the township in order to map the Autumn Olive. Will be discussing more in the August meeting.

Henkel handed out information on Autumn Olive to educate the committee on what we are dealing with.

Water trails- Committe members identified 3 sites as access points along the shoreline; Sayler Park, Bay Side Park and Bunker Hill.

**Motion** by Guy, 2<sup>nd</sup>. By Kaetchen

Motion to request up to \$500 for signage at Bay Side park, as detailed by best management practices for water trails.

Discussion on sign cost and what design standards we have to meet.

Motion fails

**Motion** Timmins 2<sup>nd</sup>. By Guy

Motion to allow the Park and Rec. Chair will work with the conservancy to come up with a dollar amount. The park and rec. committee supports money for signage at Bay Side park and supports all three stops , Sayler Park, Bunker Hill and Bay side park as stops on the Water trail. With the understanding that signage at Sayler park and Bunker Hill will come from grants the township has applied for.

Motion Carries

Boat Launch update- Grant was awarded the grant, waiting for signing of paper work. The township applied for a 2% grant from the tribe to cover what the grant and township don't.

Bob Garvey is throwing a fundraiser at his barn on Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>. With the proceeds going to the boat launch or other shoreline project.

Discussed the powerlines that come down by the big willow tree. Tom says that they can be buried. Guy- brought up the fact that park gates are closed. The committee will be look at the ordinance concerning

park hours, it was discussed previously to keep the park gates open 24 hrs. and only locking the bathrooms at dusk.

Timmins will check with the conservancy to double check grant requirements regarding power lines.

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**Motion** to adjourn Goss 2<sup>nd</sup>. Challendar