

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 22, 2015 6:00 p.m.
Acme Township Hall

Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Timmins (Chairperson), Challenger, Guy, Feringa, Goss
Members absent: Yamaguchi, Kerns, Kaetchen
Staff present: Henkel (Parks Supervisor)

The Minutes from the 11/5/14 meeting were approved with several changes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Aukerman gave a **boat launch update**.

- 1) Funding from 2% grant should get a yes/no in February. She requested that everyone contact people who have had "East Bay boating" experiences to show/write personal letters of support and interest for the launch.
- 2) Klaus Heinert, landscape architect/engineer from Gosling Czubak, gave an overview on the engineering and construction plans for the boat launch. We are processing a Bottom Lands Conveyance permit from the DEQ and Army Corps of Engineers which will give us the OK from the State of Michigan. Topographic studies, soil samples, designing dredge areas, discussions with the county road commission about the road rights and launch traffic patterns, ADA compliance issues, changes in launch design, skid pier, tie up site for waiting boats, and parking were all points of discussion. An early autumn start date and spring 2016 finish was tentatively proposed.

Feringa offered his resignation as Vice-Chair of Parks & Recreation Committee temporarily, but may return in the spring if his work load doesn't get too heavy.

Timmins has been talking with McDonough and Clark from Grand Traverse Conservancy regarding what is permitted by the original grant for the **Yuba Creek Natural Area**. They may explore snowshoe/bike trails for that area. Also, because we did not get the grant for South Park development, they're discussing what is needed to protect the beaches and waters along that stretch of US 31 (nonpoint source water pollution) and possible sand filtration systems to purify runoff returning to the Bay. After considerable discussion, the question was raised about whether water quality was under the Parks & Rec Committee's domain.

Extended Park Hours were revisited. The parks (Yuba, Saylor, and Bayside) are open May to October, when the snow flies. No snow removal limits their use. Henkel will be checking with insurance to explore liability issues for the township and ask Deputy Chub if there have been any problems related to extended park usage so far.

Acme Ace Hardware Shopping Nights in Nov/Dec raised \$435 for the boat launch fund (Men's Night \$200 and Ladies Night \$235). Thank you Acme and Ace Hardware! There is still plenty more to raise... Feringa encouraged contacting Lakes Fisheries Trust regarding the June 30th 2% tribal grant, as well.

Henkel announced he was looking for someone to help write a trust fund grant; Timmins offered support.

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Margy Goss, Recording Secretary for Parks and Recreation Committee