

## Clifford Township Park and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes, February 2015

Present: Tom Roberts, Bob Lopatofsky, Patti Walker, Jennifer Long, Jan Price

Absent: Chaz Ross, Buzz Boomer

Bob Lopatofsky called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. Minutes from the board meeting in November 2014 were approved.

The township has purchased a toddler playground. The playground has been delivered and installation will begin as soon as possible.

Election of officers took place: Chairman-Bob Lopatofsky; Vice-Chairman-Tom Roberts; Secretary-Jennifer Long.

### Old Business:

A 2015 \$10,000.00 EMHR mini-grant is available for trail enhancements, \$5000.00, with a match of \$5000.00. The grant committee will submit a proposal for enhancements for the trail including benches, picnic tables, a gazebo, trash/recycling containers and a bike rack.

The Coca-Cola grant has been submitted for recycling containers for the park area and a similar Dr. Pepper grant is being written as well.

The grant received from DCNR to install a multi-sport court was discussed, specifically how to begin moving forward with the project while meeting all of the requirements of the grant. A detailed budget form for the project was discussed.

The brochure for park donations was discussed. Plaques need to be chosen; Tom Roberts will research and provide options. It may not be cost effective to mail the brochure to community members. Posting on the website and advertising it in the monthly newsletter were given as options to get it out to the public. A final draft of the brochure for review will be completed for the next meeting.

### New Business:

Sandy Wilmot and Shirley Granger spoke about the proposed Children's Garden. Shirley will head the future garden group that will maintain the area. Sandy provided a diorama of the proposed garden area. The space will have child-centered, play-based education centers and include local historical information such as an Indian Village/Early Settler Village and information about local ecology. Sandy would like to install this play area on the newly purchased property next to the Community Center. She will seek funding from an EMHR grant of \$7,000 to \$8,000, applying for half and meeting the other half through donations. She has a program "Put a Penny in the Pig" that she hopes to launch immediately to begin collecting funds. It was requested that the township would add this location to its liability insurance policy. Concerns were expressed about parking, safety, location and taking on another project when other projects are just beginning. The garden would have to meet certain requirements

and have an engineer sign-off on the safety of the project. It was noted that the conversation would continue at the next township supervisor's meeting.

Discussion began about possible uses for the community center in the future. Some remodeling is being done and consideration of future use would be helpful before it began. Community members have expressed interest in having a preschool in the building. Patti Walker spoke about the preschool opportunities in the area. With her school closing this year there will only be one preschool in the local community.

The Montrose Adult School is offering Pickle ball, Genealogy, Introduction to Spanish, Yoga and a quilting class this spring at the community center.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.