

Clifford Township Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes 2/28/18

Present: Bob Lopatofsky, Tom Roberts, Buzz Boomer, Jen Long

Absent: Patti Walker

Old Business:

Minutes from the January 2018 meeting were approved.

Buzz Boomer asked the board to consider going back to 7 members to allow for representation of families with young children. Concerns were expressed about having a quorum and the ability to vote at meetings when the majority of members do not attend. The possibility of advertising or reaching out to the community for more active participation was discussed.

Voting took place to extend the terms of Tom Roberts and Jennifer Long for 5 years each, retroactive to the expiration of their terms. This would be presented at the Township Supervisors meeting for approval.

Sally Roberts announced that the Township had officially been notified in writing by Annette Sandy that they received the grant to add signage and other improvements to the walking trail.

A diaper changing station and new, larger toilet paper holders have been received and will be installed prior to the start of the baseball season.

Larry Wilson spoke with representatives from COSTARS about providing quotes for the pavilion and its installation. He is also working to get bids from contractors for road clearing of trees for other entrances to the park.

Sally Fischbeck presented the PowerPoint presentation that was given to EMHR detailing the scope of work to be completed with the 2018 EMHR grant. Sally Roberts will be the contact for the execution of this grant. Sally Roberts would like to meet to walk the trail to make decisions regarding placement of the items listed in the grant. The township has 2 years to complete this project. Sandy Wilmot will be used as a resource for the historical information to be used on the signage.

Applications for permits have been submitted to continue the work on the stream bank, with rip rap installation, gravel bar removal, hazard eliminations and bridge crossing being some of the items to be addressed. The Township has leased 5.3 acres to combine with the 5 acres across the stream to now be able to work directly on that property.

The board was shown a sample of some changes being made to the Parks & Recreation tab on the Township website.

Some additional paperwork needed to be filed to complete the land acquisition grant was submitted.

The book box is almost complete. It was noted that other local communities have installed this as well.

An update to the air handling system in the township building is being done to allow for air conditioning in the child care center. Ceiling, walls and insulation are being installed in the garage area to allow for better -looking usable space for group activities.

Community member and student, Gage Wilding suggested installation of a skate board park with pavement and wave ramps. He noted there is one in Forest City that is used frequently. Discussion took place about possible grant opportunities from the Tony Hawk Foundation. He was asked to do some research and report back with more information.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2018 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Long