

## PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 7, 2016

Committee Members Present; Atkinson, Gray, Hannan, Kingon, Kopkau, Weinzapfel, Wojtowicz,  
Township Board Members present; Bargy, Cole

Also present; Klaus Heinert of Gosling Czubak, Bill Derman; Township Attorney, Todd Vigland; Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy.

- Minutes from December 3, 2015 approved by Payne, second by Weinzapfel.
- Todd Vigland reported the scheduled closing of Bigelow property for January 15, 2016 pending the easement issue is resolved, with planned transfer of property to Milton Township in October 2016.
- Heinert stated that there are options for re-locating the septic field on township property with using the current lift station. Restrooms are a high priority and if necessary budget allocations for development grant submission needs to include any change if issues are not resolved.
- Heinert clarified with Christie Bayus of DNR that a development grant can be submitted in April 2016 before final acquisition transfer to Milton Township in October 2016 occurs.
- Weinzapfel spoke to Fedrigo regarding point of sale septic inspection requirements with well water testing.
- Paddle Antrim grant acknowledged for \$1000.00. Heinert requested letter of support for DNR development grant. Optimal location of water trail is 1-2 mile separations.
- Rotary grant award of \$30,000. requires implementation by 12/31/2016 along with a final online report that is due by 2/28/2017.
- Heinert submitted updated plans for discussions of identifying building removal on Bigelow property. DNR requires any buildings kept must have a recreational use. Committee discussed each building reaching a consensus that all buildings should be removed with the exception of the main lodge for the purpose of restrooms in the lower basement area along with storage. The majority also preferred a covered observation deck over the restroom area. The fireplace in the U-shape building was unanimously agreed to keep for open space seating.
- Heinert scheduled a meeting with Burt Thompson; Antrim County Road Commission and Lon Bargy, to discuss design options for crosswalks, signage and a pedestrian island for Wednesday, January 20, 2016 @ 10:00 am. Following the Park & Rec. Committee meeting at 9:00 am.
- Priority of new road to access parking with removal of buildings discussed. Bargy & Sandy Ball to submit ad in Elk Rapids News for bids with removal and site cleanup.
- Heinert stated the rental of the Earl home could continue until spring 2017. Current renters moved out this week, with Bargy communicating with potential new renters.
- Heinert suggested we pursue Tribal grants for beach development, new road and parking.
- Heinert scheduled meeting with DNR Michigan Waterways Director; Paul Peterson for Thursday, January 21, 2016 @ approx. 11:00 to discuss future funding of a new boat launch across the street from the township hall.
- Kingon stated that Elk-Skegmoog Lakes Association may contribute toward dockage at the new waterfront park.

### Pending Actions;

- Public hearing for development grant with revision of plans presented February 8, 2016 prior to the township board meeting with pre-notice in Elk Rapids News and board resolution to be passed.
- Bargy; Removal of buildings for new road to access parking and recycling.
- Bargy; Secure new renters for Earl House.

Next meeting; Wednesday, January 20, 2016 @ 9:00 am.

Also scheduled; Thursday, January 28, 2016 @ 9:00 am.

Minutes by Liz Atkinson