

PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 3, 2016

Committee Members Present; Atkinson, Weinzapfel, Kingon, Kopkau, Payne, Hannan, Gray, Wojtowicz.
Also present; Klaus Heinert, Todd Vigland

- Minutes from January 28, 2016 approved by Kingon, second by Payne.
- Hannan expressed the importance of having a full understanding of Maplehurst for the short and long term acquisition and maintenance of the property.
- Todd Vigland, GTRLC reiterated their intent of covering the purchase and demo costs for Maplehurst with all fundraising conducted by GTRLC to cover match dollars.
- Committee would like to have a close estimate of annual costs to maintain property. Vigland will ask Forest Home, Acme & Long Lake what their budget is and how it is spent.
- Clarification on ADA requirements/commitments discussed. Vigland indicated detailed information is in the DNR Grant Guidelines. Atkinson will verify that DNR Guidelines had been emailed to committee members.
- Kingon asked if there is a timeline for development and associated costs. Vigland indicated you have 90 days to demo along with property generally made available to the public.
- Vigland stressed the importance of the "Justification of Need" and providing Universal Access per ADA requirements, also stating that Maplehurst as a stand alone property would probably not score very high, therefore, the committee needs to review the DNR Guidelines for guidance in obtaining a higher score.
- Letters of support, partnering & cooperation agreements discussed. Contacts will be made as follows;
 - Ebird - Hannan
 - Grass River Natural Area - Hannan
 - TLPA - Payne
 - ELSA - Kingon
 - Antrim County, Karen Bargy - Atkinson
 - DNR Fisheries, Cadillac - Vigland
- Kingon asked for copy of Long Lake Grant Application. Vigland will provide.
- Vigland stated Maplehurst mineral rights could be secured with additional \$100,000.
- Kingon setup "Survey Monkey". Site prohibits duplicate email address responses. Postcard should have sequential pre-numbering with survey requiring the code.
- Atkinson discussed the importance of soliciting donations from various sources including Camp Maplehurst Alumni. Vigland will contact Cohn's.
- Kingon developed initial survey questions along with the survey narrative. GTRLC offered suggestions. Other questions were discussed.
- Atkinson received quote for 2000 postcards @ \$235.50. Rough draft will be developed for committee review before submitting to printers. Estimated turn around = 4 days.
- Wojtowicz suggested adding a line indicating how many minutes survey will take.
- Weinzapfel indicated that zoning would allow development of 200 homes on the Maplehurst property and should be shared with the public.
- Kingon, Payne, Atkinson, Kopkau, Gray, Weinzapfel voiced support of acquiring Maplehurst, but question long term expenses.
- Committee consensus; if Maplehurst is secured, name should be "Camp Maplehurst Natural Area", with reasoning of; alumni will identify; possible future plans of establishing a "Friends of Maplehurst" fund/non-profit 501c3
- Weinzapfel to contact Maurice, web designer, to add Maplehurst survey link to opening page.
- Hannan to obtain Glacial Hills annual maintenance costs.

Next Meeting; Monday, February 8, 2016

Minutes by Liz Atkinson