

PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 3, 2016

Present; Atkinson, Atkinson, Gray, Hannan, Kingon, Kopkau, Payne, Weinzapfel, Wojtowicz.
Also Present; Todd Vigland & Bill Derman

- Minutes of February 8, 2016 approved by Weinzapfel, second by Hannah.
- Maplehurst survey results discussed; 2040 postcards mailed.
 - Q1 results; 70.25% positive for acquiring Maplehurst.
 - Q2 results; 63.66% positive (129 people) agreeing to be members of a future "Friends of Maplehurst".
 - Q3 results; 70.25% positive for participating in semiannual workdays.
 - Q4 results; 95% hiking trails, 20% hunting, 75% fishing, 70% swimming area, 65% dock for water access,
- Group discussions regarding current feedback received; majority of residents want to preserve land, also noting a Milton Township survey sent out several years ago confirmed residents priority to maintain the rural character of the Township.
- Kingon stated DNR Trust Funds are a result of royalties from oil & gas; dispelling a residents assertion of using taxpayer monies for acquisitions/development.
- Todd Vigland was given names and addresses of those willing to write letters of support per survey.
- Group to seek additional letters of support.
- For purpose of DNR Acquisition Grant Application a park name is needed. Group consensus; Maplehurst Natural Area.
- Atkinson to post notice for Maplehurst Public Hearing scheduled for March 23rd, 2016 @ 7:00pm
- Atkinson to post survey results in Elk Rapids News and on Milton Township Website.
- Mineral rights discussed. Group is opposed to deep well fracking and would like limits on number of gas wells.

Next Meeting; To be determined.

Minutes by Liz Atkinson