

PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 1, 2016

Present; Cole, Atkinson, Weinzapfel, Hannan, Kingon

Also Present; Todd Vigland of Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy, Klaus Heinert of Gosling Czubak

Excused; Bargy, Ball, Pharo, Gray, Kopkau, Payne, Wojtowicz

- Minutes of June 3, 2016 approved by Hannan, seconded by Kingon.
- Weinzapfel discussed Bigelow demo and seeking bids for removal of 2 smaller units. Appraisal needed prior to demo/removal. Atkinson still waiting for DNR signoff of the Project Agreement. Communication with Tamara requesting the document is ongoing. Once received 90 days to demo is from date of DNR signature.
- Heinert discussed pending purchase order for kayak launch. Vigland stated the public can use property prior to property transfer. Group discussion regarding target date for kayak launch with a consensus reached to site prep in fall 2016 with new target of installing the kayak launch in spring 2017. Group felt there was much to do before installation of kayak launch leading to a very small window to install before it would have to be removed for winter. Other thoughts of a spring install with a public kickoff announcement preferred. Weinzapfel to post bid requests for removal of buildings with removal date by 9/1/16.
- Heinert discussed protecting the cedars on Bigelow property. Trip to property to identify trees to be removed along with stump grinding following this meeting. Bargy to seek bids for soccer field and other township properties including Bigelow property for tree removal.
- Vigland stated \$20,000.00 is allocated for demo of buildings. Capping of water lines leading to demolished buildings discussed with decision to cap lines as high up as possible. Maintain all lines that service lodge and remove west side of railroad ties keeping east side for now with future ramp planned for west side. Use orange snow fence to keep public off. Current dock to be kept in pole barn and should be moved ASAP.
- Bargy & Weinzapfel to notify Sheriff Officers to monitor Bigelow property for possible unlawful activity due to window being broken to gain access to buildings.
- Heinert presented options for kayak launch. Option B decided.
- Meeting with Burt Thompson, Antrim County Road Commission to be scheduled followed by presentation to the Antrim County Road Commission. Heinert to develop presentation and will schedule meeting.
- Kingon to discuss with Elk Rapids Rotary the funding of a transfer seat for the kayak launch; \$4000.00

Pending Actions;

- Weinzapfel to seek bids for removal of Bigelow buildings.
- Bargy to seek bids for removal of trees.
- Atkinson to continue communication with DNR seeking signed Project Agreement.
- Bargy/Weinzapfel to follow up with Sheriff for monitoring of Bigelow property.
- Kingon to contact Elk Rapids Rotary for transfer seat funding.
- Weinzapfel to contact Jim Riegler to move dock to pole barn.

Next Meeting; to be determined.

Minutes by Liz Atkinson