

PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 4, 2019

Present; Atkinson, Kingon, Kopkau, Weinzapfel,
Also Present; Nate Williams
Absent; Payne, Gray

Minutes of 1/17/19 correction, add: Also present; Tom Paradis & Fred Gulick. Approved with noted change by Weinzapfel, second by Kingon

Minutes of 1/18/19 approved by Weinzapfel, second by Kingon.

- Health Department of Northwest Michigan grant was awarded to Milton Township for trail development at Maplehurst. Kingon to send thank you emails to all those that sent support letters. Kingon to also coordinate a press release with Kirstin of HDNWM. Atkinson to handle all follow up communications and progress reports.
- Review of letter received from Fire Chief Ball regarding trail width/design for first responders and water point access.
- Group discussions of activities allowed at Maplehurst per initial board discussions; hiking, biking, cross country skiing, hunting, fishing, canoeing/kayaking, sledding. Williams noted that cleanup is needed at the old ski hill.
- Questions/further discussions for Chris Garrock & Steve Lagerquist of GTRLC;
 - Confirm trail markers will be color coded per Chief Ball's request.
 - Confirm width of trails; 5-7 ft.
 - Status of relocating entrance.
 - Status of Gas well.
 - Limit hunting to bow
 - Fishing limited to catch & release/kids only. Provide dock.
 - Swimming
 - Timing of trail development around lake using volunteers. Low areas need boardwalk.
- Committee consensus to not recommend swimming or Oct.-Dec closure during hunting season as requested by Fred Gulick.
- Need to seek final board direction;
 - Porta Johns, trash containers, picnic tables, drinking water, events i.e. weddings, family gatherings, food trucks.
 - Future pavilion
 - ADA walkway to lake.
 - Dogs allowed/not allowed/clean up bags.
 - Swimming
- Kopkau inquired about the need to mow grasslands 1-2x per year
- Kopkau to contact Andrea Albert, DNR Officer to discuss fishing limitations/requirements

Next Meeting; Monday, April 1, 2019 @ 9:00 am

Minutes by Liz Atkinson