

PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 15, 2019 @ 9:00 am

Present; Atkinson, Gray, Kingon, Kopkau, Weinzapfel

Also Present; Deana Jerdee, Paddle Antrim & Gunnar Johnson

- Deana Jerdee discussed signage at Milton Township's 14 locations. Waring Road boat launch is viewed as a future trailhead. Other municipalities are on board with showing sponsors on signs, therefore, replacement costs are covered through sponsorships. Milton Township has opted out of sponsors due to township policy, resulting in maintenance/replacement cost of signs lying with the township per the current Paddle Antrim agreement. Paddle Antrim's goal is to install signs spring 2020. Because the township board agreed to join the Paddle Antrim Water trail, committee feels obligated to comply with the agreement, noting size of the signs are an issue, contributing to higher costs to replace. Discussions regarding a possible compromise. Estimated life span for signs; 10 years with an estimated cost of \$16,900. to replace. Committee recommends to accept Paddle Antrim's agreement noting changes for taking over maintenance/replacement costs and to seek future grant funding.
Kingon-yes, Gray-no, Kopkau-yes, Weinzapfel-yes; Atkinson-yes.
Kingon to make presentation to board at November 11, 2019 meeting and Jerdee to discuss size of signs with Paddle Antrim Board.
- Discussions regarding status of French drain at top of access road at the waterfront park. Weinzapfel to contact Heidi Lang, Soil & Erosion.
- Maplehurst endowment fund discussed. Atkinson to follow-up with the Conservancy regarding status. Kingon asked if all of Milton Township Parks could establish an endowment. Atkinson stated if they were a separate 501c3 non-profit organization, soliciting for donations to establish an endowment would be possible.
- Gunnar Johnson of 12235 Easley Rd, inquired about a technical single track trail at Maplehurst. Atkinson spoke to Steve Lagerquist, GTRLC about this type of trail, noting these are highly groomed trails and does not conform to the township preference of little to no maintenance. Further discussions needed. Johnson also asked about trash receptacles and dog waste bags. Atkinson explained the board's position of little to no maintenance in maintaining Maplehurst as a natural area.
- Gray suggested painted lines at waterfront parking lot for 2020 season. More Information needed.
- Discussions regarding waterfront park stairway from pedestrian crosswalk pad and landscaping the north side. Atkinson to pull original design and seek cost estimate for possible 2020 grant requests.

Action Items;

- Autumn Olive eradication
- Install bike racks
- Parking lines on gravel parking lot for 2020 season
- Weinzapfel to contact Heidi Land re:French drain
- Atkinson to contact GTRLC re: Maplehurst endowment.

Next meeting; to be determined.

Minutes by Liz Atkinson