

Milton Township

Parks & Recreation Committee

11/19/21

Committee Members Present: Gray, Kingon, Weinzapfel, Atkinson

Also present: Chris Garrock; GTRLC, Fields Ratliff; GTRLC, Norm Veliquette, Ted Shaw

Absent: Kopkau

Maplehurst

- Ted Shaw joined the meeting via phone to discuss groomed trails at Maplehurst for cross country skiing. Ted is willing to coordinate volunteers to maintain designated trails for this winter activity. Chris Garrock, GTRLC stated snowmobiles can have a negative impact on the inter trails and recommends limiting cross country to the open areas. Garrock suggests further discussions with GTRLC, Steve Lagerquist and Fields Ratliff regarding concerns. Additional discussions needed regarding the segregation of hiking, biking and cross country skiing with the goal of maintaining the character of the natural area.
- Ted Shaw expressed interest in joining the Parks & Recreation Committee. Committee members welcomed Ted.
- Discussions regarding trail construction around Lake Maplehurst. Cost analysis/Engineering study needed. GTRLC would help with DNR Trust Fund Development Grant. Atkinson to request support from township board in pursuing estimate of engineering study. Atkinson to contact Gosling Czubak for estimate upon approval.
- Expanding parking area at trail head discussed along with the need to monitor drive for erosion. More discussions pending.
- The 2021 Progress report was submitted by Garrock. Committee discussed report. Garrock stated the GTRLC is also working to update the management plan with the township.
- Norm Veliquette submitted a letter summarizing Maplehurst's past, present and what the future holds. Committee thanked Norm for his input and agreed that a strategy for forest management should be considered. Garrock suggested contacting Vic Lane, GTRLC Regional Protection of Forests.
- Letters from adjacent property owners (Bryant & Reffitt) discussed. Committee members felt a good neighbor approach should be conveyed with follow up communications from the township board. Committee supported the township board's decision of not granting the request to move a section of trail at Maplehurst.
- Fishing restrictions discussed. More discussion needed.

Waterfront Park

- Reminder to follow up with Erin @ GTRLC regarding signs.
- Atkinson to schedule early spring 2022 delivery of beach sand.
- Shoreline protection strip cleanup and mulch
- Tree trimming; follow up with Park Manger, Jim Riegler

5 Yr. Recreation Plan update

- Kingon discussed progress with updating the recreation plan
- Road end assignments to each committee member to score condition with reports due back at December's meeting.

Pending Actions:

- * Road end evaluations-Committee members reporting due December meeting
- * 5 year Recreation Plan update
- * Permission from Township board to obtain engineering study (cost analysis) for trail around Lake Maplehurst.

Next Meeting:

Tentatively scheduled for 12/13/21 @ 11:00 am (This will be a meeting with committee members and GTRLC reps Steve Lagerquist & Fields Ratliff)

Minutes by Atkinson