

7:07 o'clock p.m. Chairperson Petrick called the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to order. (Zoom Meeting)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Irland , Petrick , Dunham , Wolff

MEMBERS ABSENT: Irland , Petrick , Dunham , Wolff

ALSO PRESENT: Sharon Wilton, Community Development Director; Rob Crawford-Township Supervisor

VISITORS: None

Motion by Wolff, supported by Irland, to approve the minutes from 05-17-2021 as printed and posted. Vote, 4/0

Motion by Wolff, supported by Irland, to approve the agenda as printed and posted. Vote, 4/0

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: None Present

- When the Chairperson calls on you, stand and speak your name and address clearly for the record.
- Each person will be permitted to speak one time for 3 minutes until everyone has had a chance to speak.
- Any comments to be made regarding the public hearing will be heard during the continuation of the public hearing, below.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND/OR QUESTIONS: In order to insure that the comments are recorded as accurately as possible, please follow the format below:

- * Address the planning commission only. Individual conversations should not be held during the meeting.
- * Please stand at the podium; speak your name and address clearly for the record.
- * Each person will be permitted to speak one time for 3 minutes until everyone has had a chance to speak.
- * The minutes will be transcribed from the recording. Please be respectful of the person speaking. Comments made inaudible on the recording by background sounds such as whispering, clapping or interrupting cannot be made part of the official minutes.

BOARD DISCUSSION: *NO PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL BE HEARD AT THIS TIME*****

Rob Crawford shared an update of the Mission Statement. He also discussed State funding for water service perhaps on Parker Rd. There are 400 acres of recreational property-with 340 belonging to the township. He is looking for ideas of what types of recreation would be beneficial to the residents. Some ideas for the newly acquired parcel north of the Fort Gratiot Pond were; Disc Golf, Putt-Putt, Volleyball. Other possibilities on the 100 acre parcel on the west of Parker could be; campground, horse polo. Additional destination features can help generate Sales Tax revenues for the township. Updated trails that are user friendly to e-bike owners would be beneficial.

Correspondence: No correspondence

OLD BUSINESS

-Budget and project discussion/Projects can be developed based on budget \$\$ or grant opportunities. **Plans to develop a budget, timeline, and cost proposal for 2022 budget. Plans to roll-over 2020 budget dollars to 2022. Plans to also include a vision in terms of long and short term timelines. Workshop to follow.**

.-Reviewed Kids In Parks project. Commission will need to develop budget proposals for future park enhancements. **Waiting on Kids in Parks presentation to be scheduled**

-Further discussion needed on potential projects.**Projects discussed; plans for newly acquired Pond property (trail, structures, equipment).**

Wilton mentioned that the Bridge to Bay Trail project will submit a grant for signage. This will include 2 kiosks for the

Additional topics discussed; the flower gardens by the Kettlewell pond have been cleaned up by Rotary members,
There are AARP grants available for Park and Recreation use. Possible grants will be researched for further projects.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Irland, supported by Wolff, to adjourn. Vote, ____4/0____. Time, 8:22 P.M.

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