

MEMBERS PRESENT: PETRICK , WOLFF , IRLAND , MONTGOMERY , NEESE

MEMBERS ABSENT: Wolff

ALSO PRESENT: \_\_\_\_\_Damian Polack\_\_\_\_\_

Motion by \_\_\_Montgomery\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_Ireland\_\_\_, to approve the Minutes of the **REGULAR MEETING** of 8/14/2023, (with corrections). Vote, \_\_\_4/0\_\_\_.

**CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:** \* Attendees may speak for three minutes until everyone has had a chance to be heard.

Damian Polack: reminder about Scarecrow Saturday.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion by \_\_\_Montgomery\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_Neese\_\_\_, to approve the Agenda, (as printed and posted).  
Vote, \_\_\_4/0\_\_\_.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Email dated 8/29/23 from Lisa Skotcher regarding Scarecrow Saturday on September 30, 2023

Email dated 9/11/23 from Laura Campbell of Fort Gratiot Lion's Club about their donation of a Trex bench.

Email dated 9/14/23 from Robert Crawford requesting the Parks Commissioners to consider approving \$46,780 to finish the pickleball courts. It includes the 6' perimeter fencing around the courts, the sport surfacing and court lines, 4' fence between courts, posts & nets, two 4' gates to enter the court area and wind screening. This would make the courts ready for use.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Pavillion for Parker Road Expansion**(Michael Petrick): Tabled

Quote from 5<sup>th</sup> Room \$38,997.00

Quote from Ben's Contractor Center \$22,083.46

**Exercise Equipment:** Tabled Wolff not present

**Signs for Park Entrances:** Pete Ireland will get final pricing from Breacher Rustics for Seven 2x4, One 4x8 singled sided, and One 4x8 double sided signs.

- North River Road Park Double sided 4x8
- Gardendale Single sided 4x8
- 3 Nature trail signs: Meijer, Parker Rd, and Keewahdin Rd 2x4
- Fort Gratiot Pond 2x4
- Fort Gratiot Pond North Entrance 2x4
- Canine Commons 2x4
- Keewahdin Beach 2x4

**Keewahdin Beach renewal** (Connie Neese): To prepare and establish the garden, volunteers from St. Clair County Trailblazers, Friends of the St. Clair River, and other beach enthusiasts joined with Fort Gratiot Parks Commission to weed the garden and install over 500 native plants. Neighboring residents of Keewahdin Beach have offered their assistance in its ongoing maintenance.

**Lion's Club donation of Trex Bench** (Connie Neese): Parks Commission would like it placed outside the fence at Canine Commons.

**Ice Rink (Rob Montgomery):**

Someone from DPW suggested putting the ice rink on one of the tennis courts at North River Road Park.

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Motion by Montgomery to purchase a new ice rink liner at a cost of \$1,523. Seconded by Irland

Roll Call Vote:

Montgomery; Y

Neese; Y

Irland; Y

Petrick; Y

Wolff; Absent

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Pickleball Courts:**

Motion by Irland to approve expenditure of \$46,780 and contract with Fencing Connection to finish the pickleball courts. Seconded by Neese

Roll Call Vote:

Montgomery; Y

Neese; Y

Irland; Y

Petrick; Y

Wolff; Absent

**BOARD DISCUSSION:**

- Where to place Trex bench and supply base for it.
- Where to put ice rink
- Budget for next year
- Drinking fountain
- Need secretary to keep minutes and forward agenda monthly. Connie offered to do it.
- Dog wash station
- Lights for dog park

Motion by \_\_\_Neese\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_Montgomery\_\_\_, to adjourn. Time, 8:44 o'clock p.m.  
Vote, \_\_\_4/0\_\_\_. **MOTION PASSED. MEETING ADJOURNED.**