

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: DAMIAN POLACK, TOM FRANCIS

Motion by ____Petrick____, seconded by ____Montgomery____, to approve the Minutes of the REGULAR PARKS COMMISSION of 4/15/2024, (as printed and posted / ~~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.

Tom Francis - trail bridge needs attention.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by ____Montgomery____, seconded by ____Neese____, to approve the Agenda, (~~as printed and posted / with corrections~~). Vote, ____4/0____.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Email dated 5/2/2024 from Rob Crawford: I have talked with the St. Clair County Drain Commission about the planting of rice in the wetland areas. They support the planting of wild rice. To the point if the rice is available they have addition areas to be considered to be planted. I had Damian order the kayak roller for beach this morning and a bike rack for the municipal building.

Letter dated May 14, 2024 from Julia Green regarding home next to trail at Keewahdin Rd.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Signs for Park Entrances (Pete Irland): Irland will pick up four of the signs tomorrow. Petrick can pick up the rest on Thursday. Will need posts for some of the signs.

Trail Signs (Rob Montgomery): Still working on.

Dog Park Lights (Michael Petrick): Purchased and received the solar lights, they still need to be installed.

Manoomin (Tanya Keefe): Petrick, Neese and Crawford met with Mr. Watts and found suitable wetlands for planting manoomin.

Play Equipment (Tanya Keefe): Keefe looking into grants. Where on the Parker West will the play equipment be located? Ground improvements are needed.

Market Area (Michael Petrick): Hasn't been pursued yet.

Bike Racks (Connie & Pete): We could use bike racks at each of the below locations. Will work on prices for the next meeting.

- 2 - Keewahdin Beach
- 1 - Dog Park near toilet
- 2 - Fort Gratiot Pond near toilets
- 2 - Fort Gratiot Pond near play structure
- 1 - Parker Rd near toilet
- 1 - Keewahdin Rd

2 - North River Road Park near toilets

Keewahdin Beach (Connie Neese): Kayak roller to be installed. Garden sign.

Motion by Neese, Second Irland by to pay Buy Design \$100 for design service for Butterfly Garden sign.

Roll Call:
Petrick: yes
Irland: yes
Montgomery: yes
Neese: yes
Keefe: yes

Motion **PASSED**

NEW BUSINESS:

Drinking fountains (Rob Montgomery): \$4758 per fountain, free shipping.

Motion by Montgomery, Second by Neese to purchase 2 drinking fountains at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.

Roll Call:
Petrick: yes
Irland: yes
Montgomery: yes
Neese: yes
Keefe: yes

Motion **PASSED**

BOARD DISCUSSION:

Discussed complaint from resident on Keewahdin.

Motion by ____ Irland____, seconded by ____Montgomery____, to adjourn. Time, 8:30 o'clock p.m.
Vote, ____5/0____. **MOTION PASSED. MEETING ADJOURNED.**