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**Parks and Recreation Minutes**, February 14, 2022 at Iosco County Building Tawas City MI

Present: Gary Blaser, Jim McArdle, Bob Leslie, Jane Hayward, James Miner, Jerry Smith, Cheryl McDonell, Ben Brewer, Fred Strauer

Guests: Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director; 3 guests including the 2 Groomers and Kelby Ruckle, Iosco County Agricultural Society

**Approval of the Agenda:** Motion, support and carried

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion, support and carried

**Public Matters and Concerns:** Kelby Ruckle requested funds to improve the grandstands on the Fair grounds. Jamie passed out statutes that authorize county asset usage for Fairs and Historical Activities.

Gary asked for approval to send letter of support to Friends of Tawas Point Lighthouse. Motion, support and carried.

Motion to approve request for \$5000 for the Iosco Agricultural Society to expand grandstand. Support and roll call vote. Carried.

**Committee Reports:**

- a. **Bike/Hiking Trails:**  
Bill not received yet
- b. **Snowmobile/ORV Trails:**  
-3 projects received funding from DNR. Wilson's will complete 5 channel swamp and the curve by Gordon's bait shop and Roger will complete 7 mile swamp. Hairpin access will not be completed due to lack of funding.
- c. **Park Development Committee:**  
-Fishing park, no response from Russo for engineer bid. Would like to give a deadline and then look into another engineer  
- Bid for 8 x 12 signs to place at trails, and two 5 ft round signs for buildings. Gary will check into another bid and report at next meeting.  
-will check on status of wells

**Unfinished Business**

Updating bids for Flail head. Will report at next meeting. Groomers found that side boom has potential wear and tear on tractors that will result in costly repairs. 3 point hitch with hammer head is less wear and tear on equipment with less potential of flying debris as compared to the rotary head. Would like to order as soon as possible as the turn around time is a few months and they cannot do any brushing from April 15 to July 15 to do wilt season.

Gates are locked on March 31 due to contracts and funding.

**New Business**

**Public Comments and Concerns:**

Need new garage door on groomers building

**Payment of Bills and Per Diems:** Motion made, seconded and approved — all ayes

**Adjourn:** 4:00

**Next Meeting February 14, 2022 at 3pm in the Commissioner's Room**

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl McDonell