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Minutes from Parks and Rec Meeting

June 14, 2021 Footsite Barn 3pm

Present: Blaser, Moore, Moehring, Smith, Flora, Brewer, McCardle, Hayward

Absent: Strauer

Guests: John McBane, Ron Pucket, Ken Foster, Joel Foster

Approval of Agenda: seconded and passed

Approval of Minutes: seconded and passed

Public Matters and Concerns: none

Committee Reports:

Snowmobile/ORV: Trails are dusty. Sand Lake tractor is down with clutch problems. Blaser advised Fosters to make sure all expenses for maintenance are submitted for reimbursement. Blaser requests that the Trail Maintenance Crew put together a wish list for future equipment needs. Blaser has not heard from Roger McNeil from the Forestry Department yet on the additional trail work.

Biking Trail: as the Bike Trail passes the Footsite Barn and that is where the Trail crosses River Road, a staging area will be considered in front of the Footsite Barn. This will require some additional paving, perhaps gravel or asphalt. McCardle mentioned that this portion of the bike path will be composed of soil cement. Perhaps the staging area can be combined with the present parking lot at the Barn. The Committee will examine this issue at the appropriate time. McCardle also mentioned that IET is negotiating with each Township that the township is responsible for maintenance of their portion of the bike path. IET is seeking corporate sponsorships—there has been some response.

Park Development:

Van Etten Park: overgrown. All contacted contractors are not responding. John McBane recommended Vision Landscaping out of West Branch.

Handicapped Park: Blaser will contact contractor to pave entire park. Perhaps with soil cement or Rapp. Then a new railing will be needed.

Baldwin Township Grant application. Chris Martin from Baldwin Township requested this money to help pay for a 90 ft wide asphalt boat launch on Tawas Point. The total cost of the project is \$11,000. \$7,500 from the Township and \$3,500 from the Road Commission.

New business: none

Public Matters and Concerns: none

Bills and per dimes: motion to pay, all ayes.

Next Meeting. August 9, 2021 3 pm Footsite Barn

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Flora