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Parks and Recreation Minutes, January 9, 2023 at County Building, Tawas City

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

Absent: Susan Flora,

Guests: Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director; Bob, Ken -Groomers, Fred Jennett with Road Commission

Approval of the Agenda: Motion, support and carried

Election of Officers: Move and motion to stay same, no objections passed all ayes

Approval of Bylaws: Motion and seconded to support bylaws as written with addition of chairman assignments per page 33. Kathleen will amend

Approval of Minutes: Motion, support and carried

Public Matters and Concerns: Trail riders are sponsoring poker room at Oscoda this weekend Thursday through Sunday. Feb 11 Meet and greet at warming shed north of river 11 – 3

Committee Reports:

a. **Bike/Hiking Trails:**

- a. Nothing new: work continuing in Spring

b. **Snowmobile/ORV Trails:**

- a. Letter put out to conserve gas as fuel bill may not be compensated with gas prices increasing
- b. 2005 tractor rim replaced
- c. 2015 tires replaced and back in shed.
- d. No snow
- e. Orv- repair trails- side by sides are using trails and creating moguls and destroying trails for snowmobiles. When ground freezes cannot repair to make flat for snowmobiles. Not illegal to ride just requesting to not use, can't stop from using. Need to use funds all year round
- f. Requested white shoulder from trail head to gas stations. Road tour on the 16th. Commissioners will look at condition and liability.

c. **Park Development Committee:**

- a. AuSable Pocket Park: There is a picnic table. Doesn't need replaced at this time. There is a small burn on table, still usable.
- b. Van Etten Dam: Storm drain: Township is aware of drainage and water testing ok. Still concerned with trees along the bank, Cannot remove due to erosion. NRCS, may be able to get a grant to clean up area. Check with Soil Conservation and Forestry to have them look at and make a recommendation. Jim and Brian will bring up at next meeting.
- c. Paper will be doing article on Pocket Park

Unfinished Business:

-Master plan: updated draft, Jamie will email out and will need comments and feedback by next Monday

-Map of trails: Denise sent a rough draft. Sub Committee created to review map with fine tooth comb to make changes. Gary, Jerry, Jane, Jim will meet and review. Jan 24th 2pm

New Business

- a. Misorva- motion to approve the membership-Fred Motion to pay \$50 and Jane supported. Passed all ayes

Public Comments and Concerns:

- a. Consumers Energy: Letter to governor and Consumers is going to do an economic impact study Motion to sign in and sign up as Board and sign letter to support the letter to the governor.

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

Adjourn: 3:55 pm

Next Meeting Feb 13, 2023 at 3 p.m. At County Building Tawas City

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl McDonell