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Parks and Recreation Minutes, September 11, 2023 at Footsite Barn

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

Absent: none

Guests: -Groomers, Jamie, Ausable Trailriders, Kelby Ruckle

Approval of the Agenda: Motion, support and carried

Approval of Minutes: none: Jim will fill in if Cheryl is absent

Public Matters and Concerns: Kelby stopped in to discuss the updates at the fairgrounds. \$90,000 for the total project.

Motion by Bob and Fred to pay the Iosco County Agricultural Society \$25,000 for updates to Grandstands. Roll Call Vote: Passed will all ayes.

Committee Reports:

a. Bike/Hiking Trails:

- a. IET: Bids for AuSable South opened on September 1: project will start in spring. Look at signage to explain no snowmobiles on trail.
- b. No electric bikes allowed on the bike path in the National Forest. Both Consumers and Federal that the motorized bikes are not allowed. Define difference with electric and motorized bikes.
- c. Need to budget AuSable township for \$25,000 grant in case they do use 2024

b. Snowmobile/ORV Trails:

- a. Grooming convention Sep 22. Clarify terms and how to spend money for what projects.
- b. Gate on old M-65 bridge repaired.
- c. Received another \$10,000 to do dirt. Amendment to grant to extend to 9/24. As of Sept 1, there is \$6400 left from 2023 grant to spend before 1 Dec.
- d. Drag for sale in Cadillac: \$3000 needs hydraulic lines.
- e. Looking at updating steel pan with oak planks to cut cost down from \$1,000 in steel. Will look up some numbers and report back.

c. Park Development Committee:

- a. No new business:

d. Unfinished Business:

- a. Map of trails: At printers with QR code to county parks and rec website

- b. **Motion** and support to print 10,000 copies of map. Roll call passed, all ayes

New Business

- a. Budget: \$208,553.11 and \$1,045,093.98 in investment funds:
- b. \$25,000 for each losco Ag: AuSable bike path plus and extra \$10,000 for grooming and cleaning trails and brushing : Jim made a motion and Gary supported to have a \$110,000 budget to spend out of 208 fund for 2024: Roll Call vote: passed all ayes:

Public Comments and Concerns:

- a. Groomers asked for clarification on billing.
- b. Trail riders are hosting poker room on 21 – 23 at Legion in Oscoda starts at 5 pm

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

Adjourn: 3:50

Next Meeting October 9 2023 at 3 p.m. At County Building

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl McDonell