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Parks and Recreation Minutes, October 9, 2023 at Iosco County Building

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

Absent: Jane Hayward, Scott Wesley,

Guests: -Jamie, Mr. Weaver from Whittemore Parks and Rec, groomers

Approval of the Agenda: Motion, support and carried

Approval of Minutes: Motion, support and carried

Public Matters and Concerns:

Committee Reports:

a. **Bike/Hiking Trails:**

a. IET: Boylens started the brushing and finishing up in spring. How to encourage no motorized vehicles on trails. Next section will be to Monument Road.

b. **Snowmobile/ORV Trails:**

a. Grooming convention Sep 22. Drag Convention. Mr. Kennedy was there to get forms correctly submitted. Encouraged us to work together to work with them to get forms done to request funds. Looking at 2025 to purchase dirt grooming equipment. Billion dollars' worth of equipment across the state. Use equipment for both snow and dirt looking at legislation to use for both.

b. New snowmobile entrance to base: use gate of f41. Marking poles for new trail and brushed last ¼ mile. Groomers working on taking out poles and remarking for new poles tomorrow. New pavement so trail will be parallel to the road inside of the fence. DNR leases from airport authority to have trail run through. One crossing at alert pad.

c. Need to move porty potty to park, Oscoda township, Tammy Klein, supervisor.

d. ORV grants have been signed for 2024.

c. **Park Development Committee:**

a. Print N Go is working on 4ft sign for fairgrounds to put up for grant projects that have been partially funded. Cost of \$450. Ben Motion and Jim supported. Voice and All eyes.

d. **Unfinished Business:**

a. Map of trails: No response yet.

New Business

- a. Whittemore Park and Recreation Community Grant application. **Motion:** by Fred to pay the grant request from Whittemore Parks and Rec. upon receipt of cancelled checks supported by Jim. Roll call vote: All ayes with Bob Leslie abstaining from vote.

Public Comments and Concerns:

- a. Groomers working on adding reimbursement for 10 miles on north side of river, 2 miles past of warming shed, to 50-inch trail for last 6 years and no response from state. 12 miles on 96 and 960 and additional 8 miles to connecting communities H8-3, 96 across M-65 to Alcona County, 50-inch trail. Also, 2 miles on River Road to trail 6. No grant for ORV. Motorcycle club maintaining with small tractor. Gary is going to contact state and see what is being covered.
- b. ORV by South Branch, straight stretch is full of water, no drainage. Gravel is gone, Gary will check. Suggested to put in culvert. Special maintenance grant to pull water away from trail.
- c. Monument Road trail head is rough. No way they will be able to snow plow the parking area. Check with Federal representative to see if they have plan to maintain for snowmobile take off.

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

Adjourn: 3:50

Next Meeting November 13, 2023 at 3 p.m. At County Building

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl McDonell