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Parks and Recreation Minutes, November 13, 2023 at County Building

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

Absent: Fred Strauer

Guests: -Groomers, Jamie,

Approval of the Agenda: Motion, support and carried

Approval of Minutes: Oct 9: Motion, support and carried

Public Matters and Concerns:

Committee Reports:

a. Bike/Hiking Trails:

- a. Bolens started work on brushing

b. Snowmobile/ORV Trails:

- a. Bids for work on two projects on snowmobile trails. Responses from John Henry and Picture Perfect Landscape. Motion: providing we get approval for extra money that we go with Lincoln Sand and Gravel to work on Hairpin and 7 Mile Hill for total of \$14900. DNR estimate was \$11000 in 2022. File amendment from snowmobile fund. And the project has to be completed by September 10, 2024. Passed with all ayes.
- b. New tractor had hydraulic leak. Hutsons- waiting on electric clips and no other documentation on status. \$500 to deliver, was this round trip or one way? Will check again tomorrow. May consider just driving back. Also looking at front end alignment.
- c. USFS has put 4 gates on trail system. 64-inch gate openings. Will be closed in snow season. 2 in Oscoda and 2 in South Branch.
- d. Airbase has been graded and needs signs. Stumps have not been removed yet, flags marking stumps. Van Etten Lake to F41. Guidelines from State: state that stumps will be removed within 1 foot of trail. Airbase has to complete. MISSDig not marked the route yet.

c. Park Development Committee:

- a. PrintNGo working on sign, decreased the size to 3 feet in diameter and the cost will be \$250. Gary will get to Jim and he will take to fair board.

d. Unfinished Business:

- a. Trail Map: Gary proofread and added trail heads. They will make changes and send proof again. NEMCOG grant will cover half of the cost of printing.

New Business

Public Comments and Concerns:

Andrew has graded hill at Monument Road. May create one entrance instead of three. Forest service has projects listed on website. Plan what to cut 6 years out.

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

Adjourn: 3:30

Next Meeting December 11, 2023 at 3 p.m. At County Building

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl McDonell