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Parks and Recreation Minutes, June 12, 2023 at Footsite Barn

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

Absent: Jane Hayward, Scott Wesley,

Guests: -Groomers, Jamie, AuSable Trailriders

Approval of the Agenda: Motion, support and carried

Approval of Minutes: Motion, support and carried

Public Matters and Concerns: None

Committee Reports:

a. Bike/Hiking Trails:

- a. IET:** bike path is moving along, delay on AuSable south, MDOT rejected bids, inspection fees were mixed up. Finished in spring instead of fall. Committee purchased a riding lawnmower front mount; Can this item be stored in the Footsite barn John Deere with 76-inch deck with broom. Less than \$3000. **Motion to store lawnmower at Footsite Barn. All in favor.**

b. Snowmobile/ORV Trails:

- a. Porta Potty:** Richard Kennedy approved 2 porta Potty, one for each spot. ORV funding paying for summer and snowmobile in winter, Will contact Willies. Both warming sheds. Left at Oscoda and the other at Rollways.
- b. Power washer:** Groomers requested, looking for suggestions. Looking for 3500psi. Heat is not worth the cost. Ceramic Pump last longer with water conditions in area. Gary will look around **Motion to purchase less than \$2000 with ceramic pump and red Honda motor at least 3500psi and lots of hose. Passed with all eyes.**

c. Park Development Committee:

- a.** Looks good, people there.
- b.** New fence at Van Etten. Fred put in new fence; people are jumping the fence to fish.

d. Unfinished Business:

-Map of trails: meeting of map committee: Have not heard anything since sent the revisions.

IET requested to change colors on the map.

New Business

- a. Touch a Truck: Oscoda June 10th. Went well. Kids had a lot of fun. Banner looked nice. Groomer and both tractors. Lots of variety. 1500 people.
- b. Budget: 208 is millage fund: \$16,000 is amount of interest since we put in money market. Jamie will get us total at next meeting. Snowmobile is the last page of report. ORV report to see where funds are to be used. \$26,500 cannot be used until we receive approval to use from state. Once funds used then we put in amendment to ask for more money for grooming. Bass Lake trail is over grown.
- c. Letter to support House 4458/4459: letter of support that wheeled ORVs to not run on snowmobile groomed trails. **Motion to support the Iosco Commissioners Resolution to support House Bills 4458/4459.** Roads and two tracks are available for ORV. Funding is for snowmobiles and not wheeled vehicles. **Motion passes all ayes.**
- d. DNR property sale: Land locked
- e. Jennifer Bealcamp: 2024 senior class asked if they could have a car wash. We provide water. Legally could not donate to non-profits. Liability issue.

Public Comments and Concerns:

- a. Whittemore owns building next to race track, wants to make a rec center, to use for parks and rec and use grant.

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

Adjourn: 3:48 pm

Next Meeting July 10, 2023 at 3 p.m. At Footsite Barn

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl McDonell