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**Parks and Recreation Minutes**, December 11, 2023 at County Building

**Present:** Gary Blaser, Jim McArdle, Bob Leslie, Cheryl McDonell, Ben Brewer, Jerry Smith, Jane Hayward

**Absent:** Brian Loeffler, Fred Strauer, Scott Wesley,

**Guests:** -Groomers, Jamie, Eric Dorsey, AuSable Trail Riders Rep.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Motion, support and carried.

**Approval of Minutes: November 13, 2023:** Motion, support and carried.

**Public Matters and Concerns:**

**Committee Reports:**

**a. Bike/Hiking Trails:**

- a. Bolens completed pre work early. Plan for grand opening in May across from school. Phase 4- Next phase is going to be considering doing up to Lumberman's Monument to open with Largo Springs next year. Wildcat bike path is a three mile loop with an additional three mile one way, not completely done. Forest Service received grant from National Forest Foundation to purchase tools to maintain the trail.
- b. Tree down on bike path across from Footsite closer to Dam Store on fence.

**b. Snowmobile/ORV Trails:**

- a. Tractor is repaired and back from Hutson
- b. Eric Dorsey from DNR. Driveway culvert behind Dam Store on Trail 6. Gary only had basic information. Samantha was called to discuss permit. Discussion that could be more difficult because of water and rattlesnakes and environmental concerns. Eric has not been in contact with Samantha, Gary and Eric will keep trying to complete permit. Permit is completed by the entity that is doing the maintenance. In the past the Road commission has completed the permits.
- c. Jessica Holly asked how the GPS system is working on tractors. One works and other doesn't work. Discussion on the availability of GPS in the National Forest Area as there is very little cell service.

**c. Park Development Committee:**

- a. Sign is finished and Jim McArdle will deliver to Fair Board to have put up at Fair Grounds

**d. Unfinished Business:**

- a. Trail Map: Updates were made, and final changes approved, waiting for final copy.

**New Business**

- Nussy's Marathon Station has not sent invoice after requests from County and Gary. Bills cannot go over fiscal years for county policy. Asked to give invoice every 30 days. Suggested to get account set up at Dam Store. Account is currently set up in Oscoda at Forwards, will continue to use.
- Gary made motion to quit using account with Nussy's Marathon until further notice and supported by Jane. Motion passed unanimously.
- Plainfield Township Community Grant: This is the plan and will be put out for bids and then we will receive final bids to pay. Jim made motion to support the project to build a pavilion and supported by Ben. Motion passed with all ayes.
- Lewiston Contacted Gary to teach someone how to drive tractor without tracks. Ogemaw has agreed to do this.

**Public Comments and Concerns:**

Trail 6 closed for culvert repair, gate closed. Will be open once repairs are completed and when snows

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

**Adjourn: 3:30**

**Next Meeting January 8, 2024 at 3 p.m. At County Building**

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl McDonell