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

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, 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: Bids for Ausable South will be opened on September 1**

b. **Snowmobile/ORV Trails:**

- a. 4th July groomer was completed before holiday. Lots of people using trails and look good.
- b. Out of funds to groom: Have estimates to finish up the year. \$6000 and \$8700 to complete trails for the rest of the season. Deficiency report from the snowmobile grooming time. Groom the trails every two weeks to keep the trails safe. Gary suggests to throw out July date and then run at least 3; more time this season. ORV is a bigger usage than snowmobile stickers. Send bills to state at the end of the season. Sending requests through Hoadley. Gary will check on his hours. **Motion: Ben request and supported: Not to exceed \$7000 to extend the Groomer budget for the remainder of the ORV season. Motion passed, all ayes.**

c. **Power washer:** purchased powerwasher, electric.

c. **Park Development Committee:**

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d. **Unfinished Business:**

- a. Map of trails: meeting of map committee: Had some questions about map Kathleen will send out. Fred Lewis is having IET and East Tawas and Tawas City to review. Request a review before printing.
- b. Budget: 208 is millage fund: \$16000 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. \$2500 a month interest.

New Business

a. Budget: 208 is millage fund: \$16000 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. \$26500 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.

b. Whittemore is asking for a park parking lot. 1948 community building and they have a 5 year plan to completely redo building. Indoor pickleball and try to have no fee center. Redo floor, insulate, eating, etc. City meeting is tomorrow. Will hopefully bring to meeting next month.

Public Comments and Concerns:

- a. E bikes: no legislation, someone was hit in East Tawas. Forest service and Consumers property not allowed. Need education of what is allowed.
- b. Benches along the trail: some benches that are not on the Forest property can have sponsorship available.

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

Adjourn: 3:38 pm

Next Meeting August 14, 2023 at 3 p.m. At Footsite Barn

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl McDonell