

ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2018, 8 A.M.

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by Chairman Rich Lapinski.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Members Present: Kevin Hughes, Leann Burger, Robert Blackmore, Al Taylor, Lapinski and Secretary Mary Lou Millard. Absent: Paul Mueller, Roger Burger, Mary Reed.

MINUTES: Motion Burger, second by Taylor to accept the minutes of Sept. 20, 2018 as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO AGENDA: Lapinski reminded members to notify Millard if they are unable to attend a meeting and if they had information to present, so she could forward it to the chair.

NORTH POINT PARK: Lapinski said the asphalt has been sealed; seal-coating will be done in the Spring. Irrigation system is winterized.

PUBLIC ROAD ENDS: No report.

VILLAGE & TOWNSHIP SIGNS: Sign installation is complete.

PARK FIVE YEAR PLAN: Burger said meetings scheduled are: Oct. 29, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17, all from 9 to 11 a.m. at the township hall. She said the committee went through the entire plan and some goals and objectives are out of the committee's purview. The plan will be reduced in size to eliminate unneeded goals. The key goal is to establish the scope of work for each park. The next step is to have an outline on a possible long range plan. Included will be a master plan for each park and an appendix to the long range plan.

GLEN PARK: Taylor said on Oct. 19 Steve Lagerquist, Land Steward for the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy and Pat Bentley of the Spicer Group will walk the park with Leann Burger, Al Taylor and Rich Lapinski. They will discuss ideas to solve the path encroachment, stairs, walkways, bridges and erosion issues.

KAYAK LAUNCH: Taylor said the state has approved the paving plan, permits should be here in two or three weeks, dock arrival is scheduled for Spring, 2019.

UA TRAIL UPDATE: The committee is trying to get an aerial view of a possible pathway for an access trail at Eagle View Wetlands Park leading to Portage Lake.

SCHOOL: Hughes said the new boiler is being hooked up; the heating system for the outdoor parking lot to the school entrance stairs is not completed. Hughes would like to re-surface the tennis and basketball courts next year and may include pickle ball lines on the basketball courts.

Mary Reed arrived at 9 a.m.

PLA: Taylor reported the Fall Festival was an overall success with many activities and games for kids. The Scarecrow Contest raised \$316 to be donated to the St. Joseph Food Pantry. Christmas in Onkama is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 17.

WATERSHED: Reed said the group will have a conference meeting Monday, Oct. 22 at 10 a.m. in the township hall.

COUNTY-WIDE PARKS & REC COMMITTEE: Reed reported that the Portage Trail was turned down. The group will meet with TART Trail officials to see how best to work on the trails. Eagle View Wetlands Park is covered by the County Plan but the group will also try for a grant through the Michigan Trust Fund or Manistee County Foundation.

VILLAGE: Burger said the garden club's work on the fountain is done for this year, but it will continue next year.

PARKS & REC BUDGET REVIEW: Invoices were paid for the North Point Park irrigation system winterizing and asphalt walkway repairs and crack sealing.

OPEN DISCUSSIONS: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

ADJOURN: Lapinski adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

The next meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 15, 2018 at 8 a.m.

Submitted by

Mary Lou Millard

Secretary

