

ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2017, 8 A.M.

The meeting was called to order at 8 a.m. by Chairman Jon Phillips.

Members present: Leann and Roger Burger, Kevin Hughes, Mary Reed, Al Taylor, Vice chairman Mary Lou Millard. Also present: Fire Chief Clint Osborn.

MINUTES: Motion by Leann Burger, second by Taylor to approve the minutes of the Feb. 16, 2017 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO AGENDA: Add Eagles view Wetlands, under Old Business.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

TREE COMMITTEE: Reed report that Arbor Day events are scheduled for Friday, May 19, time to be announced. Josh Shields, forester for Manistee and Mason-Lake Conservation Districts, will be the guest speaker. The attendees will then go by bus to Glen Park, where Shields will lead a tour.

PARK MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS: Trustee James Wisniski presented a list of maintenance requirements for the parks to the parks committee, seeking any input for additional requirement suggestion. Phillips asked the members present to e-mail their suggestions to him; he will present them to the clerk for consideration when the township board reviews the entire list.

LANGLAND PARK SIGNAGE: Taylor said the signage is up. Other future park signage was also discussed.

KAYAK LAUNCH: Lease being considered.

EAGLES VIEW WETLANDS: MOTION by Leann Burger, second by Reed to NOT recommend the township board grant the request from homeowners who want to trim trees and shrubs in their view site of the Eagles View Wetlands. The park committee's decision and recommendation is based on the restrictions in the Eagles View Wetlands deed. Motion carried.

The committee is also recommending to the township board that it ask the Planning Commission to develop an ordinance for shoreline management, protection and preservation.

SCHOOL: Supt. Kevin Hughes briefly explained the upcoming School Election May 2 for a millage increase and a sinking fund. He said a list of "frequently asked questions" and answers is being prepared and will be mailed to residents; information will also be on the school's website.

VILLAGE: Council President Roger Burger said the Lions Club is working with the village to see what it can do to help with the shelter and pavilion in the park.

WATERSHED: Taylor said the Watershed Report is completed and available.

PLA: Taylor said there will be no formal fund-raiser this year; other fund-raisers are planned. The concerts are all scheduled for the summer season.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

ADJOURN: 9:23 A.M.

Submitted by

Mary Lou Millard,

Acting Secretary