

ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP PARKS and REC COMMITTEE MEETING

FEBRUARY 18, 2021 MINUTES

CONFERENCE CALL LINE OPENED AT 8:00AM

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE was said.

ROLL CALL - MEMBERS PRESENT: Andrea Arthur, Leann Burger, Michelle Ervin, Kevin Hughes, Richard Lapinski, Paul Mueller, Mary Reed, Al Taylor. **ABSENT:** Gary Madden

MINUTES OF JANUARY 21, 2021 MEETING - Motion to Approve by Al Taylor, Seconded by Andrea Arthur. Motion carried to approve January meeting minutes. Michelle Ervin to forward to Shelli Johnson for onekama.info web site posting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ITEMS TO ADD TO AGENDA: None.

VILLAGE UPDATE – Andrea Arthur: Village adopted 2021 budget. Andrea Arthur is now on the Village Parks Committee which consists of Ralph Drum, Wayne Miller and Andrea Arthur. Clean Water, Clean Boat grant received in coordination with the Portage Lake Watershed. Will post signs at Village Park boat launch and have requested date for DNR portable Boat Washing Station for a demo and use at Village Park boat launch. Rich Lapinski will e-mail link to DNR Clean Water Clean Boat Program video to committee. Village Council approved grant application to EGLE for \$40,000 for multiple water shed projects. Village plans to enter a float in the Onekama Days parade. Village will participate in the Onekama 150 Celebration activities.

ONEKAMA SCHOOLS UPDATE – Gary Madden: No report.

WATERSHED UPDATE - Mary Reed: Watershed working on the Point of Sale septic inspection with District #10. Working on implementing Clean Boat, Clean Waters Grant with the Village. Discussion of the decline of perch caught for several winters, especially during ice fishing. Public education program will be necessary to disseminate science behind the treatment of aquatic invasive plants. Will contact DNR to inquire about completing a survey of Portage Lake fish populations this year. Last survey conducted in 2009.

PARKS FIVE YEAR PLAN – Rich Lapinski/Leann Burger: Extensive committee discussion weighing the aspects and comparison of Networks Northwest and Gosling-Czubak proposals to create a 5 year Parks & Rec Master Plan. These two proposals were discussed at the February Township Board Meeting with no action was taken. Rich will schedule a Zoom Meeting with Networks Northwest to review their proposal. Committee will then review the additional information and then make a recommendation to the Twp Board for their approval to move forward with the study with either of the two proposals. Committee members will assist with the preparation of this plan. Still plan to develop and complete our own detailed management plan for each of our 7 parks.

NORTH POINT PARK UPDATE - Paul Mueller/Michelle Ervin: Discussion of alternative UA/ADA plan for the pathway. Instead of creating new pathway, removal of the offset barrier between parking lot and Arboretum Loop would be less costly, less disruptive with same outcome. Donation to North Point Park made for the purchase of a pet waste station discussed. Michelle will type a proposal for the purchase to be submitted to Board. Discussion of how general parks donations and earmarked parks donations should be handled. A separate work group to create proposed policy will be formed. Michelle and Leann shared several Donation Policies from other municipalities with Committee.

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LANGLAND PARK UPDATE – Rich Lapinski/AI Taylor: The Becket and Raider proposal to correct the parking lot water run-off and UA beach access repair was costly. B&R to review and come back with alternative solutions and lower costs. Spicer Group also submitted a proposal for an engineering study to develop solutions. Alternative solutions were discussed with both engineering firms that have been use by other Northwest Michigan parks. Reviewed both proposals with Twp Board stating that more follow-up work is required with both engineering firms before making a recommendation to move forward with this project.

GLEN PARK UPDATE – Rich Lapinski: Reviewed the Gosling-Czubak engineering proposal for re-scoping the Glen Park Project. Rich will conduct a Township Board park walk through in the Spring to better understand the current park needs and approach for a revised project scope, costs and future grant applications. Weather and limited accessibility is factor in the delay of removing the damaged north well gazebo. Will review the 2019 Swidorski Bros. quote for an update to build a new gazebo. Delayed the construction due to rapid rise in building material costs and limited resources from Swidorski Bros.

KAYAK LAUNCH UPDATE – AI Taylor: Project is moving forward with the DNR approval of the final design plans and successful bidder, Swidorski Bros. Ez-Dock assembly will be placed on order with installation planned for late spring 2021. AI is exploring additional grant funding to possibly offset some of the increased project scope and costs.

PLA UPDATE - AI Taylor: 2021 Budget was approved for the programs and events that will take place this year. Any changes will be addressed due to any Covid-19 restriction. Still planning on Onekama Days, Fireworks, Concerts in the Park, Fall Festival, Christmas in Onekama and other programs.

150th ONEKAMA CELEBRATION – AI Taylor/Michelle Ervin: Logo contest complete, winners announced. Tentative calendar of events was shared with Committee by Michelle. Multiple events being planned for the 2021 celebration.

PARKS & REC BUDGET - Rich Lapinski: Current YTD budget spending is very favorable. Developing 2021/2022 fiscal year budget for review with TWP Board in March.

FRIENDS of the PARKS – AI Taylor: Discussions with new Twp Treasurer will bring a new donation policy for Friends.

OPEN DISCUSSIONS:

Michelle Ervin - New Maps Project for three parks; Glen, Northpoint and Langland is nearing completion after final input from committee members.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

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The next Meeting will be March 18, 2021 at 8 a.m.

Plan to conduct meeting at Twp Hall

Conference Call line will be opened for those who cannot attend in person