

ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP PARKS and REC COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 15, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

MEETING held at the TWP Hall WITH OPEN CONFERENCE CALL PHONE LINE

CALL TO ORDER @ 8:03am by Rich Lapinski

PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE was said.

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

Al moved to accept minutes of March 18, 2021 meeting, Kevin second. M/C Michelle will send to Clerk for publishing.

PUBLIC COMMENT none

ITEMS TO ADD TO AGENDA none

VILLAGE UPDATE – Andrea Arthur Discussion of email to Village Clerk from Department of Health regarding tobacco and substance free parks. Andrea will share with Rich, who will share with committee. Village passed motion to work with Networks Northwest on the Village 5 Year Parks & Rec Plan Update. Clean Boats/Clean Water Program moving forward.

ONEKAMA SCHOOLS UPDATE – Gary Madden All covid safety protocols are in being followed. Classes being held in person. Spring athletic programs underway. Track will be resurfaced this summer. Schools will not provide volunteers for the summer.

WATERSHED UPDATE - Mary Reed Lake Management Report is on their website. Fish survey completed, results will be shared when ready. Fish survey complete with final report pending. E.coli tests are planned for 2021.

NORTH POINT PARK UPDATE - Paul Mueller/Michelle Ervin Two pet waste stations will be ordered by Township. ADA Portable Restroom which was approved in 2020 will be delivered in April. Plants from Conservation District Sales: native trees/shrubs were ordered and flowers will be ordered for pollinator strip. Educational and Interpretive signage will be designed by May meeting for committee review. Plant-A-Sapling planned for May 22, 2021 @ 12:00 noon sponsored by the committee. Birding-By-Ear planned for June 10, 2021 @ 8:30am conducted by Dr. Brian Allen by the Manistee Audubon Society.

LANGLAND PARK UPDATE – Rich Lapinski/Al Taylor Meeting at the park with Rich, Al, Pat Bentley of the Spicer Group and Matt Swidorski of Swidorski Bros. Excavating to discuss options for a proposal to make the north gazebo boardwalk an observation point and the south gazebos a new Universal Access to the Lake Michigan beach. Requested an updated quote from Beckett & Raeder and new quote from the Spicer Group for the new Universal Access project. Grants may be sought for the engineering and construction costs. North gazebo boardwalk walk sand erosion will be filled and the very large autumn olive on the dune will be removed by Swidorski Bros. Excavating as approved by the Twp Board. Parking lot will be restriped by Brian's Seal Coating when air temperatures will permit. Vault toilet door will be repaired or replaced.

GLEN PARK UPDATE – Rich Lapinski - Removal of demolished north well gazebo was approved by Twp Board and will be accomplished by Swidorski Bros Excavating. Twp Board will visit the park, date yet to be determined, to re-evaluate the current Glen Park Project Scope work for future grant applications. Owl Walk planned for the park on April 22, 2021 to be conducted by Dr Brian Allen.

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KAYAK LAUNCH UPDATE – Al Taylor – EZ-Dock ordered with delivery and installation planned for June 2021. Project will be managed by the Spicer Group with site work being performed by Swidorski Bros' Excavating. Spicer Group coordinating with the DNR to close the boat launch during the site preparing work.

PARKS MAPS – Michelle Ervin - Latest revisions for North Point, Glen and Langland Beach Parks sent to all Committee members for feedback. To be finalized within week. Sought RFQ for laminated map for each park.

PLA UPDATE - Al Taylor - All 2021 events are planned to move forward within scope of State restrictions. Community e-mail survey as to attendance at 2021 events received positive responses from the survey.

150th ONEKAMA CELEBRATION – Al Taylor/Michelle Ervin - All events are planned to move forward within scope of State restrictions.

PARKS & REC BUDGET - Rich Lapinski - Budget for 2021-2022 year is to include one-time Kayak Launch Project expenses. New approved budget is for the total expenditures for all the parks with outlays planned for each park.

FRIENDS of the PARKS & DONATIONS POLICY – Al Taylor/Michelle Ervin - Much discussion of the required scope of a policy. Priority is cash and item donations as this is currently occurring. Land and other donations will be addressed as well. Policy will be resent to members for more feedback.

PARKS FIVE YEAR PLAN – Rich Lapinski/Leann Burger – Management Plans for all parks have been submitted and will be in Appendix of County Wide Plan under Onekama Twp. Al Taylor to provide varied photos of our parks and the Onekama Community for inclusion into the County-Wide Plan.

+ Networks Northwest Program – Rob Carson attended our meeting with his review of the overall County-Wide Plan and Onekama Twp.'s Section of the plan goals, objectives and deliverables.

Proposed plan was reviewed and feedback given. Updates and revisions will continue with deadline of August.

OPEN DISCUSSIONS - Future meeting will discuss Weddings/Events in park policy.

CORRESPONDENCE

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The next Meeting will be May 20, 2021 at 8 a.m.